*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**FOURTH ADVENT: LOVE**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **(John 3:16 KJV)**

As pointed out last week, Advent is the coming or arrival of someone or something. Traditionally and liturgically, Advent relates to Christmas – the coming of Jesus Christ. Like every Sunday of the Advent, the fourth and the last Advent of this special season has its focus, which is love. Love can be defined as a deep caring for the existence of another.

The world was in ruin and exposed to the wrath of God. All people were in a hopeless condition and in the danger of utter darkness and eternal damnation. But God gave his Son to avert His wrath. It is an undeserved gift to mankind. The highest expression of love which is hard to conceive. A love that is not dependent on the attitude of others. It is Agape Love. Can you imagine a parent giving up his only son for the continuous existence of others! How rational does that sound? It is incredible! However, God did it!

But do you realise that God did this for a purpose? It is to save man from eternal condemnation. Verse 18 of the above Scripture says,

**“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”**

People do well to share gifts during Christmas. Knowingly or not, this replicates God’s action. Every home, streets, and offices are lit up by Christmas lights. This also is symbolic of the person of Jesus. He is the Light of the world. But how accurately can you replicate the actions of the God you do not know? No matter the amount of Christmas lights you surround yourself with, can you do without the TRUE LIGHT, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, who is JESUS CHRIST? **(John 12:46)**

Beloved, God is counting on you and I to tell of His love without boundaries; the love that is motivated purely by salvation. A great number of people are still in the danger of eternal condemnation. Let them know about the love of God. Until we do, the purpose of Christmas is still defeated. So, without hesitation, being inspired by the love demonstrated by God, share the love of God with somebody, especially at this season.