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Love has come to us—and all the world.

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Jesus, and we're in relationship with Almighty God.

Because of the righteousness of One, we are in the  
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