

## **The Lord has Rescued Us**

Friends in Christ,

Today in his Epistle, St. John says:

'We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.'

During this Christmas time,

God has made it abundantly clear how much he loves us: he sent his dear Son to save us from our sins.

St. Alphonsus says, 'O Lord, you could foresee my sins and my destruction, and so you prepared the remedy.'

'You could foresee my ingratitude, and you prepared for me contrition in my heart and the consolation of your love.'

We could imagine the case I suppose, of an unhappy child in a family who runs away from home.

But suppose that this child had a father, who secretly followed him everywhere.

His son was getting into all kinds of trouble, a destructive lifestyle,

but the father never left him,

and was all along, figuring out a way, in the end, to win his son back.

Well this is what God has done.

Since God is outside of time,

he knew and knows, all of our failings and everything about us.

Therefore, foreseeing every aspect of our life,

he sent his Divine Son into time, as the remedy.

As a saint has said: 'Lord, you wished to vie with me to see who would win: I in offending you,

or you in giving more graces to me;

I in provoking you to punish me, or you in showing me your love.'

This is what Christmas is all about: the revelation of God's love for mankind.

So let us sinners feel very happy, and love this Child very much.

'Perfect love casts out all fear,' say the Holy Scriptures.

If we give God our whole heart, and choose to follow his will,  
his plan for our life, come what may -  
well we will never be afraid or unhappy or anxious again.

Lord, I love you, how can I not, since you have saved me.  
So I will no longer fear anything,  
I am totally yours, come what may.

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<sup>i</sup> Incarnation, Birth, and Infancy of Jesus Christ, p. 418)