

**ANDRES Y MONICA ACOSTA**  
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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Receive our love, gratitude, and the best wishes for this special and unique holiday - Christmas!

During the Christmas Season we sing “O come, O come Immanuel”, a song that includes old known hymns like the Antiphons of Advent. These hymns include an “O”. In the worship from the 6th century, each “O” was followed by a messianic title: Immanuel, Seed of David, First Light of the Day, Key of David, Lord of Power, Hope of the Nations. Those names from our Savior remind us that God fulfilled the hopes of His people in Jesus Christ. We can observe His faithfulness both historically and in the present, with hope for the future.

The hymn title “Immanuel” (O Immanuel) means God with us (Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:23). As John writes, “The Word made flesh, and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Christ is not only a good teacher and prophet, but He is God in human form. That truth is the foundation of our hope.

As we incarnate the teachings of Christ, our prayer is to walk as wise followers in this world (Ephesians 5:15). Our Immanuel brings others unto Him, “every tribe and tongue and people and nation,” (Revelation 5:9) until all of the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of God (Habakkuk 2:14 & Psalms 72:19).

May we enjoy Hope, Love, Joy, Peace and the certainty that soon, He is coming for us! May our celebration reach into Heaven.



Warm greetings to each one of you and your families!

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***John 15:16***