

# Life on Life

## Women's Bible Study

*Learn the Word, Live the Word, And Love Each Other.*

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am • Education Center Youth Room A

## DECEMBER 2017



**12/5/17**

Facilitator Meeting  
Mingling Day

**12/12/17**

Potluck  
Special Feature:  
Extended Worship & Ugly  
Christmas Gift Exchange

**12/19/17-1/9/18**

No Life on Life  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year

**1/16/18**

Return to Life on Life

**Rejoice in the  
coming of our Lord!**

"And this will be a sign  
for you: you will find a  
baby wrapped in  
swaddling cloths and  
lying in a manger."  
-Luke 2:12-

## THE GREATEST GIFT

By Chinedu Okafor



"Amazing grace, how sweet the  
sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
was blind, but now I see."

This song was originally written by  
John Newton. Newton was a former  
slave owner turned who became

a "born again" believer. It's no wonder this song has been one of the most beloved hymns of the Christian faith. I believe that this is because it basically summarizes the truth of the Gospel. This truth is that Jesus came to earth to save the lost, to open the eyes of the blind, and to set the captive free, as Isaiah 61:1 states.

I can think of my life as I reflect on this song. Jesus came and saved me even when I didn't know that I was lost. You see, growing up, I had always considered myself interested in religious things, and I considered myself as a "good kid," and so did others. In fact, I felt like I was everyone's favorite kid, and always tried to do the right thing, though far from perfect. Little did I know that I was a lost sinner on my way to hell, as we all are, without Jesus.

Thank God that at the age of 15, my blinded eyes were opened, and for the first time, I could see clearly that I needed Jesus. I am forever grateful for my Sunday School teacher then, Connie Baruch, who took me to the side and clearly shared the Gospel with me. Only eternity, will tell the impact that children ministry workers and volunteers make on the life of a child.

So yes, whether you are a thief, a murderer, a liar, a gossip, a drug user, a prideful person, an adulterer or adulteress, a religious person, or even a very morally good person, we have all missed the

mark of God's standard and are ALL in need of the grace of God. We are all lost due to our sin nature and in need of a Savior.

As I reflect on this Christmas season, I think of the words, grace, love, joy, peace, and giving. God's amazing grace brought love to us in this world.

When we truly receive his love into our hearts, the joy of the Lord becomes our strength to conquer the world and all the turmoil around us.

Only Jesus can give us peace that passeth all understanding. Like the Bible says, in this world, we will have tribulation (John 16:33), but when we have the abiding peace of God within us, we can walk victoriously.

Because we know Him, and have received from Him, we can now freely give. The Christmas season is about giving. As I reflect on this one thing, I am challenged to become a better giver, because giving reflects the heart of God.

So, let's walk through this season remembering that it is only by the grace of God that we are who and what we are, and because of that grace, we must give back to others, as we have been given.

But we must keep in remembrance, that the greatest gift to give is still the gift of sharing Jesus. This is what Christmas is about, and will always be about!



## DELICIOUS SNICKERDOODLE COOKIES



### Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups sugar
- ½ cup margarine, softened
- ½ package (8-ounce size) cream cheese, softened
- 1 egg
- 2 egg whites
- 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

### Directions

1. Heat oven to 400°F.
2. Mix 1 ½ cups sugar, the margarine, cream cheese and eggs in large bowl. Stir in flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt. Cover and refrigerate dough 1 hour.
3. Shape dough into 1 ¼ inch balls. Mix ¼ cup sugar and the cinnamon. Roll balls in cinnamon-sugar mixture. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten each ball with bottom of
4. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack.