



# CONNECTICUT GRAPEVINE

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Dear Believers of Connecticut:

God's abundant blessings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

The love that God has for us, His children, really renders any words of men inadequate to fully describe it. God's love is unchanging, it doesn't vary in degrees or intensity even when we fail to live up to His will for us. His actions toward us are always in accordance and harmony with His love. What a comfort and encouragement to know that our God is Love!

God's giving of His only begotten son for a world whose inhabitants were dead in trespasses and sin cannot be explained any other way than because of His love.

John 3:16:

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.

Romans 5:6-8:

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

If God so loved us in our previously unlovable state how much can we love Him and His children now that we have His nature? There is never a time when it is not God's primary will to walk in and with His love toward one another because, "Charity never faileth:..." I Corinthians 13:8.

God's loving plan for us necessarily had to have Jesus Christ's sinless life and the perfect sacrifice of his death, but God did not stop there. He raised him from the dead and all those who would believe were raised justified with him. (Romans 4:24)

The greatness of Christianity does not lie in the death of Jesus Christ but in that God raised him from the dead to die no more. It is because Jesus Christ is alive that we through the new birth are spiritually alive with Christ in us. What love our Father has for us to make this available.