



Exclusion & Embrace

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A Theological Exploration of Identity,
Otherness, and Reconciliation

**The one called the Word came to the world.
You know, God used that one called the
Word to make everything in the world, but
people in the world didn't know who he was.**

The Gospel of John 1:10

Translation from The Plain English Bible

**God sent his Son into the world not to judge
the world, but to save the world through him**

1 John 3:17

Translation from The New Living Bible





Jesus said, “You people that follow me are like salt for everybody on the earth. You know, salt helps food taste good and stops it from rotting. Well, if you follow me properly, you will live in a way that helps people to be good. Yes, salt is good, but if it stops tasting like salt, then it is no good anymore. Nobody can use it for anything. They chuck it away, and everyone walks on it. So don’t be like that sort of salt. Don’t stop following me.”

Matthew 5:13

**May the embrace of God
which overcomes all differences
which heals all wounds
which puts all fears to flight
which reconciles all who are
separated
be in us and among us,
now and always,
Amen.**