

## Christ-mess Christmas John 1:1-5,9-14,16

The most wonderful time of the year

In Christmas songs and movies

Or maybe it's....?

The first Christmas

PERFECT like we see on Christmas cards?

The first Christmas was MESSY.

Jesus, Immanuel, God with us

With us in our messy LIVES

At WORK in our mess

“In Him was life, and life was the light of men.”

Jesus is our LIGHT.

Light erases the DARKNESS of our messes.

Light that darkness cannot OVERCOME.

Jesus, “full of grace and truth”

Something we all want - GRACE

Even when we mess up so badly that we have no HOPE

Grace that makes our messes CLEAN and makes us CLEAN, too

God's Christmas gift to us

Jesus came to be LIGHT and GRACE

Making messy into MERRY Christmas