

## GOD LOVES ME

**Psalm 51: 3-6, 12-13**

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

My friends, it is five days before Christmas and I have just listened to the message of hope that Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball gave next to homeless Jesus at St. Mark's church in Charleston. She calls us to reach out in love and to be love for those who don't yet know Christ as their Savior.

I went to my Bible and re-read my scripture from Psalms 51. God knew me, before I was born. God knew me, and I was a sinner. God desires me to be in a right relationship with Him. God wants me to have hope. God wants to give me joy. God loves me. He loved me so much that He sent his Son. In Jesus, I have hope, joy, peace, and love. Love that I am to share.

Jesus went from the manger to the cross and demonstrated the love of a willing spirit, one ready to listen to his Heavenly Father.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, with my whole heart allow me to show love to those who do not yet know Jesus. Allow the love that flows from me to bring these souls to you for your benefit. Amen.

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