Let Us Go Over To Bethlehem

& Find The Faith of Christmas

Luke 2:15-20

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And that is what Jesus came to do. To save His people from their sins. To grant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for wrongdoing and make them acceptable.

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