



Christmas Love
Series: Advent, #4
Text: Selected Scriptures
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Theme: **God's Christmas Love Makes An Everlasting Difference.**

What Is God's Christmas Love?

Four key descriptions:

1. It is part of His eternal, unchanging nature.
(Psalm 103:17; 136:26; Jeremiah 31:3; Malachi 3:6; John 17:24; James 1:17; 1 John 4:7-8)
2. It is His committed, sacrificial care for our good.
(John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8, 8:32; Philippians 2:6-8; 1 John 3:16)
3. It is exercised according to His purposes.
(Leviticus 11:44; Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 1:11; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 1:16)
4. It is given by His choice alone.
(Deuteronomy 7:7-8; Exodus 33:19 compare Romans 9:15; Psalm 115:3 compare 135:6 & Daniel 4:35)

Why Is God's Christmas Love Important?

1. Without receiving God's Christmas love we are ...
(Matthew 25:41, 46; John 3:16; Romans 3:20, 23, 6:23, 5:8; Ephesians 2:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:2-9; James 2:10; Revelation 14:9-11; 19:2-3)
2. With receiving God's Christmas love we are ...
(Luke 2:11; John 1:14; Romans 5:5, 8, 8:31-39; Ephesians 1:3-6, 2:6; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Titus 3:4-7)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. *God's Christmas love makes an everlasting difference.* Yesterday we talked about what God's Christmas love is and what it means. Today review the first two key descriptions of what God's love is: (1) part of His eternal, unchanging nature, and (2) His committed, sacrificial care for our good. Check the outline as you reflect on this unchanging qualities of God's love.

Tuesday. Today focus on the second pair of key descriptions of God's Christmas love: (1) it is exercised according to God's purposes, and (2) it is given by God's choice alone. Check the outline for any notes you made and also the Scripture references as you reflect on these qualities. Next, write out a brief summary of what these four descriptions of God's love mean factually and also personally for you.

Wednesday. God's Christmas love is important because without it we are without a Savior and in the end all is lost. Check the outline for any notes you made and review the Scripture references as you think through this truth.

Thursday. God's Christmas love is important because with it we have a Savior and in the end all is gained, all is ours! Again, check the outline for any notes you made and the Scripture references as you work through this great truth. Have you sometimes taken God's love for granted? Thank God for His love throughout the day. Then think of people who need to experience God's love and what you can do to point them to Jesus.

Friday – Saturday. Friday we will have our Christmas Eve Service. Sunday we plan to return to our series in Romans with "The Verdict: GUILTY!" from 1:18 – 3:20. Take the time to read and think through this section as you prepare for our time of worship.