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THE CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

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Part 2/4

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Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship

Introduction to the Text;

1John 4:7-10a

In what has been called "The Christmas Truce" of WW-I an impromptu, unofficial ceasefire occurred along the Western Front during the Christmas of 1914. As World War One raged on in its first four months – over one million men had been killed in battle. Yet on Christmas Eve December 24th 1914, German and British soldiers stepped up and out of their trenches, approached one another and shook hands and agreed to a "Christmas Truce" so they could bury their dead. That unofficial truce lasted nearly 48 hours and during that time the enemy exchanged gifts with enemy - including their own coffee, food, and even sharing pictures of family members and their favorite girl. During the hours, several eyewitnesses later wrote that almost during the entire time, the Christmas hymns could be heard in both English and German.

!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

1 John 4:7-10a

Beloved, let us **love** one another, for **love** is of God; and everyone who **loves** is born of God and knows God. **8** He who does not **love** does not know God, for **God is love**. **9** In this the **love** of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. **10** In this is **love**, not that we **loved** God, but that He **loved** us and sent His Son.

8 for **God is love**.

is grk: *ejsti* ÷ **esti**, *es-tee*´; third person singular present indicative. All that to say, the Bible says that God and Him being loving is eternally His nature. His love abides forever because He is love itself. **is** meaning consistent, remaining, enduring, perceptual.

His Love for us Intercedes

His Love for us Calls Out

His Love for us Pleads

I am not sure what comes to your mind when you hear the word "Love" but one thing is for sure – you cannot actually know real love apart from knowing God. I know that' s a big statement to make, and yet it' s 100% true.

How can I be so sure? Because first of all Love is a characteristic that puts the other person in a place higher than ourselves. Number two; Love causes us to live sacrificially, that is, Love compels us to live and even die for the benefit of another person. The question arises then - from where does such a love comes from? The Bible makes it undeniably clear that true love, real love, The love of God intimates from God himself because He has said that He is in fact Love!

Notice with me that, in the Bible it says "God is love" A lot of people today like to pick apart words and I'm all for that so long as we stick to the true meaning of those words. So when the Bible says that "God is love" before we go any further, we need to stop and ask what is the meaning of the word IS.

UNSTOPPABLE CHRISTMAS

1.) His love for us is unstoppable

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IS HIS LOVE FOR US AND THAT LOVE IS ALL POWERFUL

1a.) Because His love is eternal

People change their minds and the best of friends break promises. These realities never sit well with us. We are creatures of habit and we like what is predictable.

Truth be told - mankind is powerless to keep a promise.

Promise meaning – capacity, talent, assurance,

Let me tell you how this works.

God' s word, the Bible, the greatest collection of promises in the world, does not contain the very Word of God – But is the Word of God.

It all begins with the very nature of who God is.

The Bible says that God is everlasting or eternal. He is not of a physical, time-bound world.

Can you tell me of a religious leader/founder

That pre-existed before time began?

Luke 1:31-33

(Gabriel) And behold, **you will conceive** in your womb **and bring forth a Son**, (angelic announcement) and shall call His name **JESUS** (prophetic fulfillment). 32 He will be **great**, (adoration) and will be called the Son of the Highest (submission); and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David (prophetic fulfillment). 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, (prophetic fulfillment) and of His kingdom there will be no end (prophetic fulfillment)."

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name **Immanuel**.

Immanuel means we most often say "God with or among us" but it also reads "With us (is) God"

And this was not only the understanding of the angel Gabriel, it was Matthew Levi's understanding as well.

Matthew 1:22-23

(Matthew writes) "So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: (Matthew now quotes Isaiah 7:14) **23** "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

This week our Granddaughter said "I wanna go to heaven so we can all be together so we can all see baby Jesus there."

John 8:56-58

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." :57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" :58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

**Christmas is God's revelation to mankind.
It is His bold display of Love.**

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IS HIS LOVE FOR US AND THAT LOVE IS POWERFUL**

1b.) Because His love is transformative

By "Transformative" that His love will not allow us to remain as we have been found.

"but doesn't He love just as I am?" – technically "yes" and technically "no"

In a word, God's love was & is Intolerant to my condition !

God sees us as we really are. He looks at us with the desire that you would desire Him. He will not force you into faith. He will not make you to trust. He will not beat you into submission – but what He does do, is beckon you to Him.

Imagine being an eyewitness to this prayer of Jesus Christ?

John 17

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, **2** as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. **3** And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true

God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent... 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world... :20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me... 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Do you think God answers prayer?

Then do you think God the Father has answered the prayer of His own Son?

Knowing that God loves you will transform your life.

Love creates a joyfulness. // Love creates a peacefulness.
Love creates a perseverance. // Love creates a kindness.
Love creates a goodness. // Love creates a faithfulness.
Love creates a gentleness. // Love creates a self-control.

God's Love for You will create a fence of security all around you - at all times!

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IS HIS LOVE FOR US AND THAT LOVE IS POWERFUL

1c.) Because His love is relentless

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not **(Jesus) love**, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not **(Jesus) love**, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not **(Jesus) love**, it profits me nothing. :4 **(Jesus) Love** suffers long and is kind; **(Jesus) love** does not envy; **(Jesus) love** does not parade itself, **(Jesus) love** is not puffed up; 5 **(Jesus) love** does not behave rudely, **(Jesus) love** does not seek its own, **(Jesus) love** is not provoked, **(Jesus) love** thinks no evil; 6 **(Jesus) love** does not rejoice in iniquity, but **(Jesus) love** rejoices in the truth; 7 **(Jesus) love** bears all things, **(Jesus) love** believes all things, **(Jesus) love** hopes all things, **(Jesus) love** endures all things.

Psalm 36:7

How precious is your unfailing love, O God!

All people finds shelter in the shadow of your wings. *(if only they would)*

Song of Solomon 2:4

He brought me to the banqueting house, And **his banner over me was love.**

Luke 24:47

(Jesus sent them out telling them)

That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (and has come this morning to you in Chino Hills) 48 And you are witnesses of these things.

And you are witnesses of these things

The Love Of God

(Matthew 27:54)

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The Love of God, the Love of God
Can you see on that tree, the Love of God?
The Love of God, the Love of God
There for you, there for me, the Love of God.
He bleeds for you, He pleads for you who are needy
To let Him be
The Love of God
The Love of God
Can you see on that tree, the Love of God?
He gave all for you
Hear Him call to you who are weary
"Come to Me...."
The Love of God.....
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"Come to Me...."
The Love of God, the Love of God
Can you see on that tree the Love of God
There for you, there for me
The Love of God
Here for you, here for me, here for free
Jesus He' s the Love of God.....

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The
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