

CHRISTMAS DECLARES GOD'S LOVE

Matthew 1:18-21 & Romans 5:6-10 • | December 5, 2021

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INTRODUCTION:

A. God's love for humanity is the foundation of Christmas.

- We want others to know that we love them.
 - All of us are imperfect people and imperfect in our love.

B. But God is perfect, and He knows how to love us perfectly.

“And she will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins (our imperfections).” – Matthew 1:21

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners... God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners...So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. – Romans 5:6, 8 & 11

I. GOD'S LOVE IS PERFECT BECAUSE IT'S UNCONDITIONAL.

A. God loves imperfect people.

- Even though we are ***"sinners"*** (v.8).
- How does the Bible define and describe sin?
 - Intentional, impulsive and indwelling

B. God loves us knowing that we are ***"helpless"*** (v.6).

- We are helpless because sin affects us:
 - Our mind, conscience and will are affected.

The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin... for I do what I hate...what I am doing is wrong...it is sin living in me that does it...my sinful nature. – Romans 7:16-18

C. God loves us even when we oppose Him (***"enemies"*** v.10).

- Some oppose God because...

II. GOD'S LOVE IS PERFECT BECAUSE IT'S SACRIFICIAL.

A. He died for us (v.8).

- Jesus' death on the Cross is the solution to our sin problem.
 - We are made right with God (v.9)

The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God. – Isaiah 59:2

- We are slated for eternity with God (v.10)

...the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23

- Now we have a new daily relationship with God (v.11).

But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. – John 1:12

CONCLUSION: