



DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR, SOUTH RENO BAPTIST CHURCH, RENO, NEVADA • CHRISTMAS • DECEMBER 7, 2025
All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. • Pastor Joe's email is Joe@SouthReno.com.

A. WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

1. To Satisfy the Prophecies.

Luke 24:25–27, NASB95 - ²⁵ And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
²⁶ "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

2. To Show us the Father.

John 14:9, NASB95 - ⁹ ...He who has seen Me has seen the Father....

3. To Save us from Sin.

1 Timothy 1:15, NASB95 - ¹⁵ It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

4. To Sympathize with our Struggles.

Hebrews 4:15, NASB95 - ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

5. To Secure our Hope.

John 14:6, NASB95 - ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

B. GOD'S LOVE

God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. ¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

- 1 John 4:9–11, NLT

1. The Origin of God's Love.

1 John 4:9, NLT - ⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

1 John 4:9, NCV - ⁹ This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his one and only Son into the world so that we could have life through him.

John 3:16, NASB95 - ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Christmas is the moment God's Love took on human flesh and walked among us.

2. The Power of God's Love.

1 John 4:10, NASB95 - ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Hebrews 2:17, NLT - ¹⁷ Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us...Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

Romans 3:24–25, NASB95 - ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith....

God's Love Gift of Jesus was not wrapped in gold but in humility—a manger, not a palace.

3. The Mission of God's Love.

1 John 4:11, NASB95 - ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**God's Love doesn't just comfort us—it changes us.
The birth of Jesus Christ was the beginning of a rescue mission of love to bring hope, healing, and eternal life.**