

THE LOVE OF CHRISTMAS

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The word **Gospel** comes from two old English words “God’s spell.” Gospel means **good news**. So, **the Gospels** – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are **good news**. The Gospels tell us the Good News about Jesus.

FOCUS VERSE – JOHN 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” -John 3:16

➔ The fundamental difference between Christianity and religion is that religion is about how human beings reach up to God, but Christianity is about how God came down to us.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD’S LOVE:

#1. God’s love is _____.

“For God so loved...” -John 3:16

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” -Romans 5:8

#2. God’s love is _____.

“For God so loved the world...” -John 3:16

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.” -Ephesians 3:18

#3. God’s love is _____.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son...” -John 3:16

“So the Word became human and made his home among us.” -John 1:14

“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

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” -Romans 3:23

#4. God’s love is _____.

“For God so loved that the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him...” -John 3:16

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” -Romans 10:13

*“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”
-John 14:6*

*“There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.”
-John 3:18*

#5. God’s love is a _____.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” -John 3:16

*“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
-Romans 8:38-39*

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me...” -John 10:28

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus...” -Romans 8:1

