

**The Greatest Gift**  
**Pt. 4, The Gift of Love**  
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**I. God Gave Because He Loved First**

John 3:16 (NLT) "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

Truths about God's Love:

- a) God's Love is intentional, not accidental
- b) God's Love is unconditional, not limited
- c) Christmas is a reminder that God's love takes action, Love Gives freely

**II. Love is Revealed in Jesus (He is the gift that keeps giving)**

1 Jn 4:9 "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."

The Love of Jesus:

- a) Offers forgiveness, healing, restoration and a new life
- b) Sets us Free from that which had held us
- c) Empowers us to receive all that is from Him

**III. Love is Proven, Not Just Promised**

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

Key Point: God's Love is not based on our worthiness, but on His faithfulness.

**IV. Love Becomes the Catalyst for How We Live**

1 Jn 4:11 "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love on another."

We are called to reveal the love of Jesus through us, the way it has been given to us:

- intentionally
- extending grace and mercy
- serve someone who can't repay you
- forgive as you have been forgiven

**V. Love is Our Witness to the Word**

John 13:35 "By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Impacts of Love:

- a) The Church shines brightest when it loves boldly
- b) Love is the distinguishing mark of followers of Christ
- c) The gift of love, is meant to be unwrapped and shared