

Today's Theme

"Christmas Tells Us Things"

December 17, 2023

What God Is Trying To Tell Us:

1. I want you to _____: "I _____ You".

1 John 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world . . .

(1) Jesus _____ to _____ God to us.

Matthew 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

John 14:9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

(2) Jesus _____ so we could be _____.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

(3) Jesus made _____ with God _____ to us.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

2. I want you to _____ a _____ kind of life.

1 John 4:9 . . . that we might live through him.

John 10:10 . . . I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

What this better kind of life looks like

(1) Jesus _____ us how to experience _____.

1 John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Matt 20:27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(2) Jesus _____ His _____ in us to enjoy.

1 John 4:13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

(3) Jesus _____ future _____ in our lives.

1 John 4:17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

(4) Jesus _____ us an _____ to fear.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

(5) Jesus _____ us the _____ to love others.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.