

Today's Theme

“Christmas Tells Us Things”

Part 2

December 24, 2023

What God Is Trying To Tell Us:

1. I want you to *know*: “I love You”.

(1) Jesus *came to reveal God to us*

(2) Jesus *died so we could be connected.*

(3) Jesus made *life with God available to us.*

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

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

Eph 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,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

(3) Jesus _____ future _____ in our lives.

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.

Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

(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.

1 Cor 15:54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 55 “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

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.

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.