

Christmas Foundations- Love

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Jesus is the greatest promise fulfilled in human history. Jesus is proof of God’s faithfulness.

God came to earth because he loved this messed up system, not the mess, but the people involved in the mess.

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“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

The greatest part about the love of Christ is that it breaks through the self constructed hostilities that we all have toward God.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven...46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Matthew 5:43-46

When we condemn the world, or those in it, we are simply doing something that Jesus didn’t even do.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. John 3:18

Those who are confronted with the reality of Jesus must recognize the tragedy of their own situation, then come to one logical conclusion: Believe.

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

21 ..whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.” John 3:19-21

God still loves the world so much that he continually sends his love through us.