fCelebrate the LOVE of Christmas"

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By example

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I John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Love is manifested through action Giving



I John 4:9a In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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I John 4:9b

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John 3:17

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.



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I John 4:10a

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Galatians 4:4-5

:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, :5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

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I John 4:10b Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

The greatest expression of love To the undeserving Sacrificial The best we can do is



I John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Matthew 22:36-40

:36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? :37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

- :38 This is the first and great commandment.
- :39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- :40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.