



"Simply Christmas"
Part 4

Preaching Point: Divine love is at the heart of Christmas.

1. Love Defines God

- a. *It is Natural* (1 John 4:8, 16)
- b. *It is Volitional* (Deuteronomy 7:7; 1 John 4:19)
- c. *It is Sacrificial* (John 3:16; 15:13; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 5:25; 1 John 3:16; 4:9-10; John 10:11)
- d. *It is Eternal* (Jeremiah 31:1; Ephesians 1:4-5)
- e. *It is Emotional* (Deuteronomy 30:9; Isaiah 64:4; Jeremiah 32:41; Zephaniah 3:17; Luke 15:20)

2. Love Descends from God

- a. *The Promise of the Gift* (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 9:6 cf. Numbers 23:19; 2 Corinthians 1:18-20)
- b. *The Motive of the Gift* (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)
- c. *The Arrival of the Gift* (Luke 2:1-7)
 - The Time was Perfect (Galatians 4:4)
 - The Need was Desperate (Genesis 6:5; 8:21; Romans 1:18-32; 3:9-18, 23; 2 Timothy 3:1-5)