



# The Gift of Christmas

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Think about it...

People are asking, "Is Christmas a joy or a chore?"

There is so much busyness, so much running around, buying wrapping, baking... so much stress!

I fear that sometimes we end up worshipping the holiday's to do list rather than focusing on the True Gift of Christmas.



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This Morning I want to share with you a Love Story. This is not one of those chick flick Hallmark stories. This is a real story with real people.

This story is about someone who chose to love somebody who did not even exist. It involves a love that is so great and so strong, that it will go to any length, no matter how great, or costly, or humiliating, or even painful to acquire that love.



1 Peter 1:19-20

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This is a story of God choosing to love and create man so they could live together for all eternity.

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Think if you could design your perfect love... How would you design them?

God created someone compatible with Himself. He made man with intelligence, able to communicate, appreciate things like beauty and music. He made man with an imagination so he could envision and create things. Most importantly of all, God made man with the ability to Love!

Genesis 1:27



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God and man loved to walk together in the cool of the day. Adam enjoying showing God what he had done. Everything was perfect until ...

Genesis 3:8

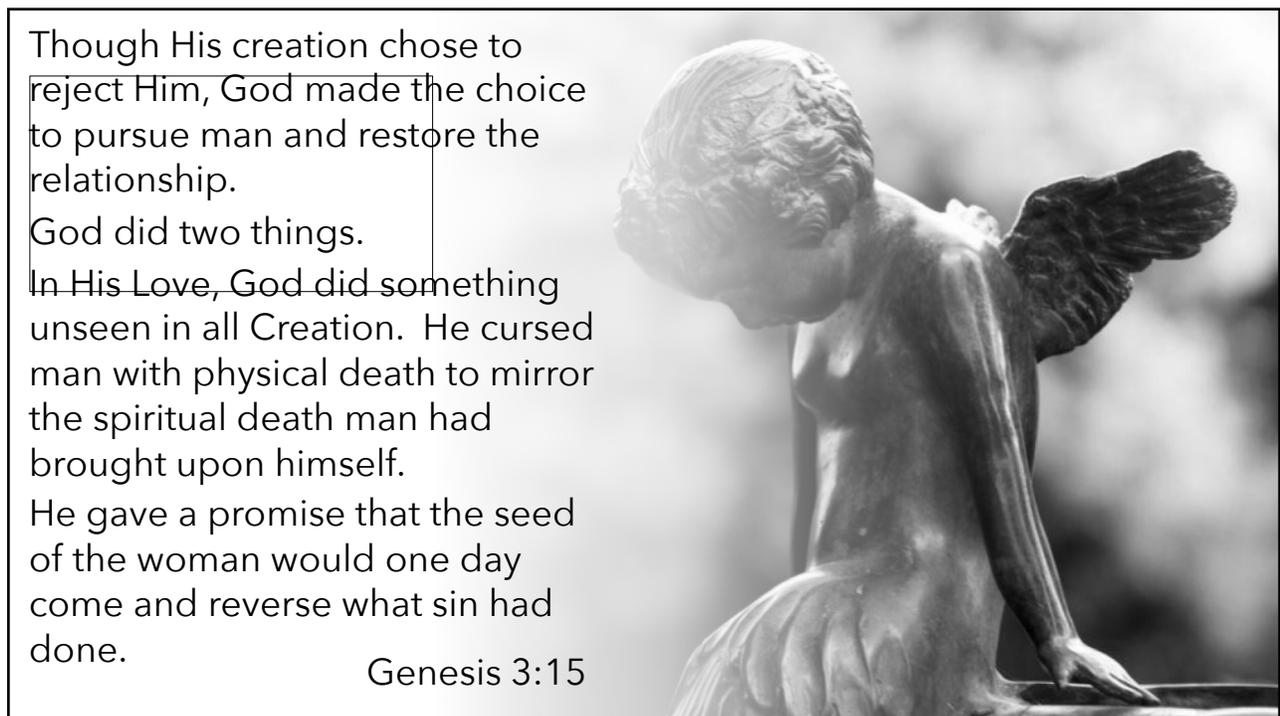


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Through deceit, lies, and absolute treachery, Satan stole the object of God's love away.

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Though His creation chose to reject Him, God made the choice to pursue man and restore the relationship.

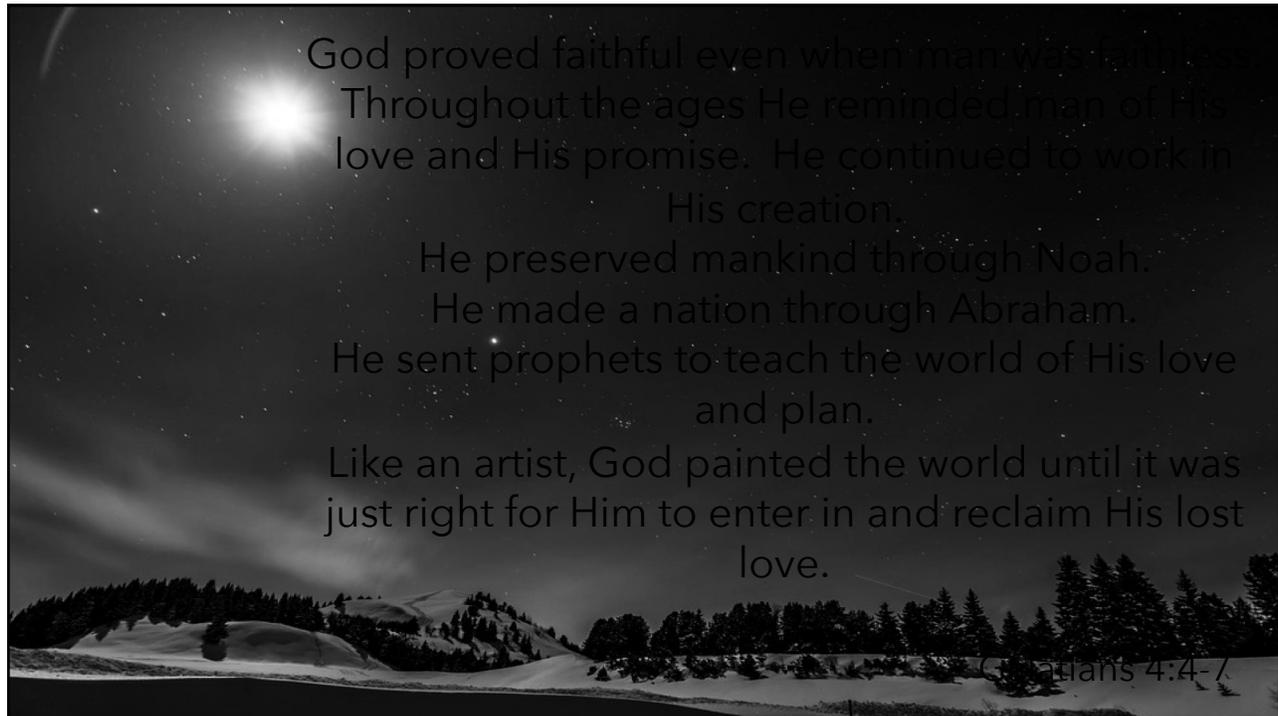
God did two things.

In His Love, God did something unseen in all Creation. He cursed man with physical death to mirror the spiritual death man had brought upon himself.

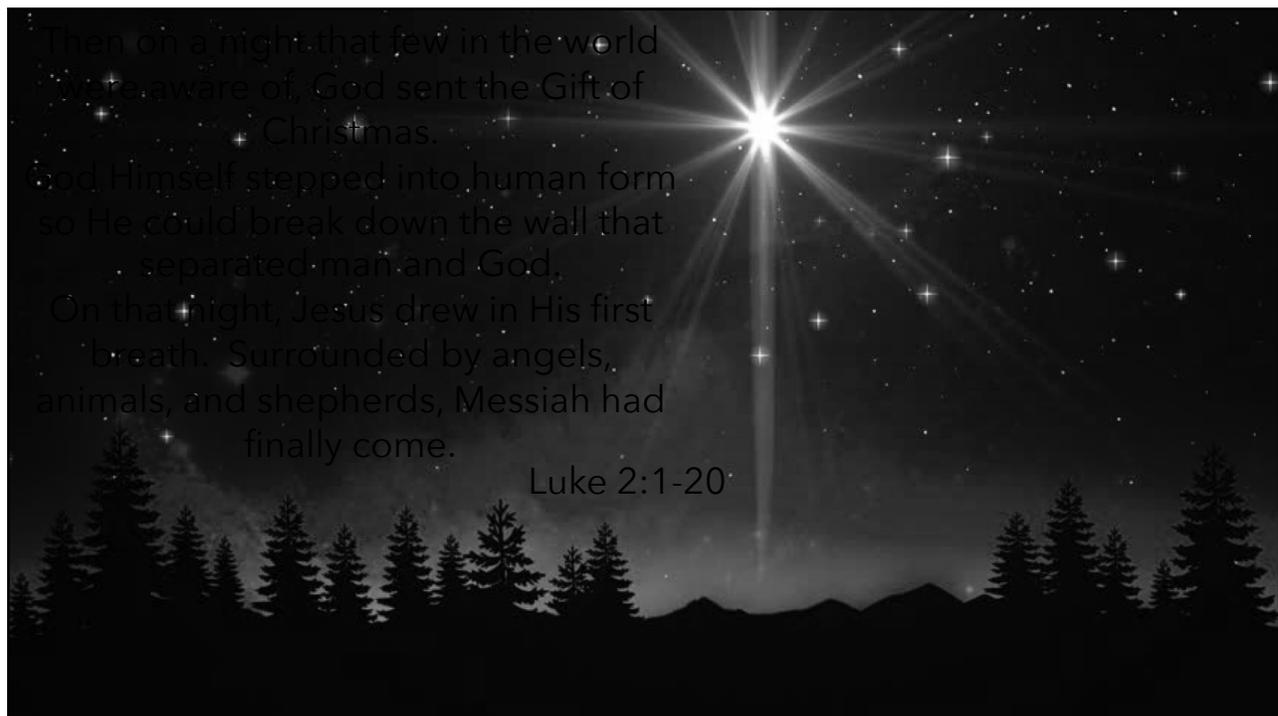
He gave a promise that the seed of the woman would one day come and reverse what sin had done.

Genesis 3:15

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## John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



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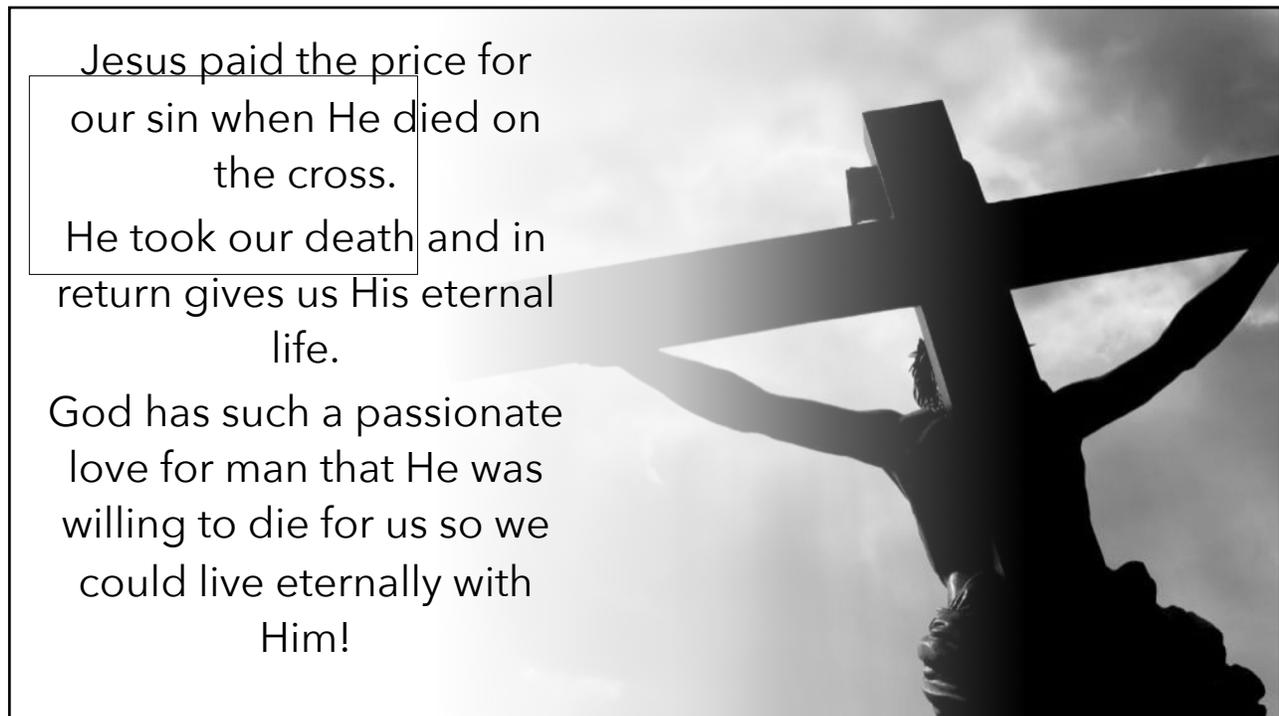
Jesus grew up preaching that God loves His creatures.

God in His Great Love had condemned man to die for sin. The wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23)

There are two types of death. Physical death and Spiritual death. Both are the result of sin.

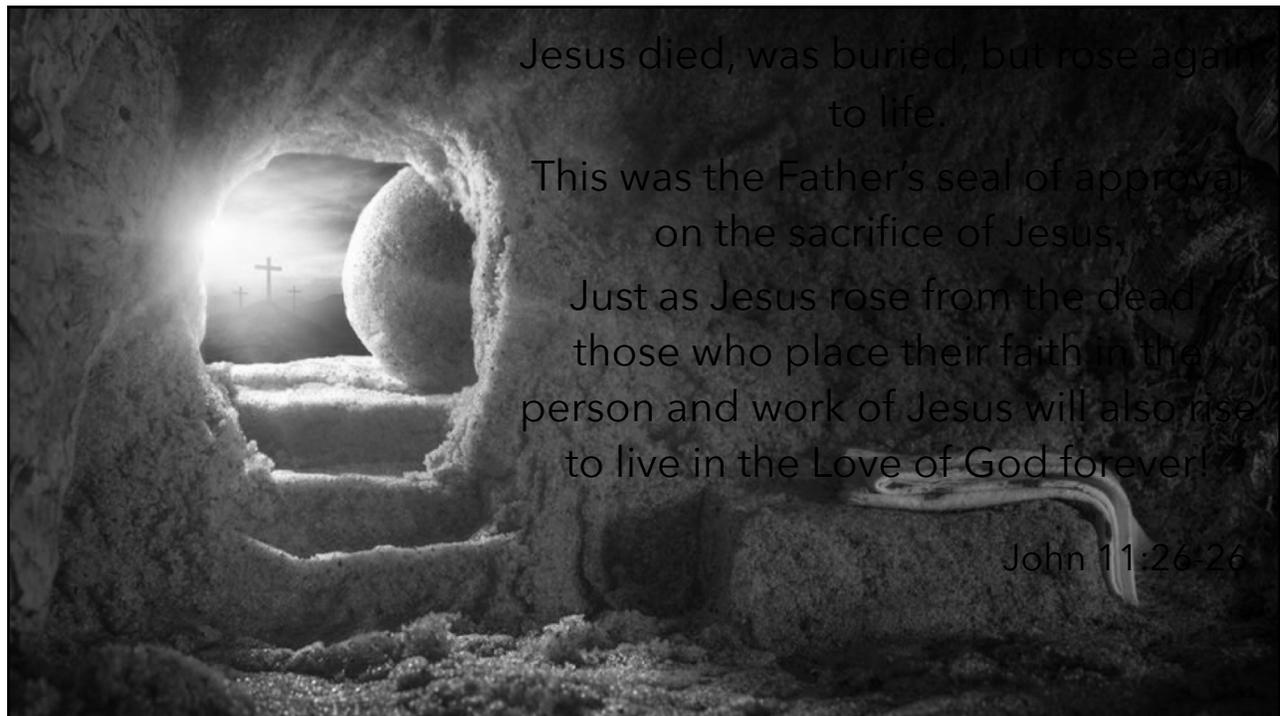


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Jesus paid the price for our sin when He died on the cross.  
 He took our death and in return gives us His eternal life.  
 God has such a passionate love for man that He was willing to die for us so we could live eternally with Him!

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Jesus died, was buried, but rose again to life.  
 This was the Father's seal of approval on the sacrifice of Jesus.  
 Just as Jesus rose from the dead, those who place their faith in the person and work of Jesus will also rise to live in the Love of God forever!

John 11:26-27

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This is the True Gift of  
Christmas.

God stepped into the world  
that first Christmas morning  
so His Love could redeem us  
back to Himself.

Gifts like Love cannot be  
earned or deserved. They  
can only be accepted.

Have you accepted God's  
Gift?

