

Christmas Foretold: The Son is Given

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I. Christmas Love

II. The Messiah Will Save

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

v. 2 Man's Tremendous Need

v. 6 God's Unmatched Gift

v. 7 The Savior's Permanent Presence

III. God With Us

IV. Lasting Love

Personal Reflection (Mid-Week Devotion)

Take time this week to pray & reflect on the following:

Gifts are given at Christmastime for a variety of reasons—to express love and appreciation, to meet a specific need in the recipient's life, to fulfill a sense of obligation based on social norms and cultural tradition. Whatever the reason, Christmas to many people is thought of and characterized as, "the season of giving." To fully appreciate the meaning of this season however, one must be a recipient of the greatest gift ever given.

God sent Jesus into the world to save mankind from destruction. His arrival is the greatest affirmation of love that humanity could ever know. The Messiah brings love to the world—love that pierces the darkness of human sin, love that overcomes sin's condemnation, love that dwells and abides with God's people forever. Christmas is story of God with us.

Are you with God? Do you know what it means to be secure and rest in His love? Does the lasting presence of His love that begins when one born-again, carry you though the seasons of life? Is the love you are sharing this Christmas the superficial love that is common to all people or has the pure and holy love of God broken through and invigorated your soul?

Prayerfully consider the degree to which God's love permeates your life. Be honest with God about the areas in which you are struggling to give or receive love. Ask Him to love through you so that others may see and know the Messiah as well.