

# SERMON NOTES



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**“God with us reveals God’s love for us.”**

## **Purpose of Christmas:**

### 1. God Loves Us!

- God revealing His love to us.
- Knowing God loves you – you live with acceptance.
- Tap into the abundant life through God’s love.

### 2. God With Us!

- God wants a relationship with us.
- God came Himself, He did not send anyone else.
- Having a revelation that God is with you, reveals that you will never be alone or afraid.

### 3. God For Us!

- Knowing God is for you - you are unstoppable!
- God is for you succeeding in life and being a winner!

## **John 10:10 (AMP)**

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

- Christ came for us to have life and enjoy life.
- Christ came for us to have an abundant life. A life full, until it overflows!
- Christmas is all about eternal life.
- Be a contagious Christian – being happy and sharing God’s love.
- God wants us to have extra peace, joy and happiness.
- Live so our culture will want what we have – not wanting what the culture has.

## **7 Characteristics of God’s Love:**

### 1. Unconditional –

- God loves me, accepts me, and believes in me no matter what I do good or bad!

2. Unchanging –
  - God’s love is the same yesterday, today, and forever!
3. Powerful
4. Reliable
5. Dependable –
  - Build your life on the love of God, not the gifts from God.
  - Build your life on who God is, not what He gives you.
  - Serve God for who He is, not for what He gives you.
  - Love God because He first loved you!
6. Foundational
7. Transformational

### **Ephesians 3:16 – 19 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup> I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. <sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

- Faith works and grows by focusing on God’s love!
- Have a revelation of God’s love.
- A revelation brings transformation!
- God’s love is powerful because it is unchangeable!
- Positive attitude comes by declaring that “God loves me!” “God is with me!” and “God is for me!”
- Receive abundance and overflow of God’s blessings.
- Receive a revelation of God’s love and grow in it.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is the purpose of Christmas?
2. What are the characteristics of God’s love?

### **Resources:**

If you would like to look at “**God With Us**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

