

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

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Jesus Came To:

- I) _____ the misconceptions about God.
- A) By what He _____ and by the way He _____.
 - B) Pilate said, "So you are a king!" Jesus answered, "You are the one saying I am a king. This is why I was born and came into the world: to tell people the truth. And everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me." John 18:37 (NCV)
 - C) No one has ever seen God. But the one and only Son is himself God and is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. John 1:18
 - D) He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" Luke 2:32
 - E) Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? John 14:9
- II) _____ the love of God.
- A) God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 1 John 4:9-10
 - B) For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
 - C) 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. 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. Ephesians 3:18-19
 - D) The four dimensions of God's Love:
 - 1) Long enough to last _____.
 - 2) Wide enough to be _____.
 - 3) Deep enough to handle any _____ or _____.
 - 4) High enough to overlook your _____.
- III) _____ a relationship with God.

- A) God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5
- 1) You are not an _____.
 - 2) God made you to _____.
 - 3) God wants a _____ with you.
- B) So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. Romans 5:11
- C) For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Psalm 34:18