

## **FOUNDERS PEN!**

**THIS IS THE MONTH FOR CHRISTMAS LOVE. EVERY YEAR WE STOP AND GIVE JOYFUL THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS SON JESUS THAT HE SENT TO THIS EARTH. WE CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH TO MARY A TEENAGER THAT GOD PLACED IN THE BELLY OF MARY. WE SET ASIDE A DAY OF THE YEAR, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AROUND THE WORLD TO CELEBRATE HIM FOR WHAT HE MEANS TO US.**

**SO THIS MAKES CHRISTMAS THE ULTIMATE DEMONSTRATION OF GODS LOVE FOR HUMANITY THROUGH THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. THIS LOVE IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS A SELFLESS, SACRIFICIAL GIFT THAT ADDRESSES THE GREATEST HUMAN NEED, PROVIDING A PATH TO PEACE AND A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

**KEY THEMES INCLUDE:**

**GODS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, EXEMPLIFIED BY GOD SENDING HIS SON, THE IDEA THAT GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, JOHN 3: 16, AND HOW THIS DIVINE LOVE IS A MODEL FOR HOW PEOPLE SHOULD LOVE EACH OTHER.**

- 1. GODS LOVE IS A GIFT, ITS NOT ABOUT JUST RECEIVING BUT ABOUT RECEIVING, ABOUT GOD GIVING THE PRICELESS GIFT OF HIS SON.**
- 2. LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL, GODS LOVE IS DEMONSTRATED THROUGH SACRIFICE, AS SHOWN BY JESUS BEING BORN TO EVENTUALLY DIE FOR HUMANITY.**
- 3. LOVE IS ACTIONABLE, THE SERMON WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT LOVE IS NOT JUST A FEELING BUT AN ACTION, AND BECAUSE OF GODS LOVE, CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS.**
- 4. LOVE OVERCOMES SIN AND SEPARATION, THE BIRTH OF JESUS WAS THE BEGINNING OF GODS PLAN TO RECONCILE HUMANITY WITH HIMSELF, OFFERING SALVATION FROM SIN AND A WAY TO HAVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**
- 5. LOVE IS PERSONAL AND RELATIONAL, THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS IS THAT GOD LOVES AND CARES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSONALLY AND THAT HE HAS ALREADY PURSUED A RELATIONSHIP WITH HUMANITY.**
- 6. LOVE IS A MODEL FOR HUMAN RELATIONSHIP, THE DIVINE LOVE SHOWN AT CHRISTMAS SHOULD INSPIRE BELIEVERS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH TRUTH, SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.**

**MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BE JOYFUL AND PEACEFUL WITH FAMILY AND THAT YOU WILL NOT FORGET THAT THE GREATEST REASON FOR THIS DAY IS JESUS.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**