



**Grow Your Faith  
Love Expressed**

*“This is how we know what love is; Jesus Christ laid down His life for us....”*

I John 3:11

**Christmas is about a LOVE that was expressed through giving the greatest gift in history.** It is the gift of Jesus our Savior, the One who is the Only Begotten Son of God. The entire Bible reveals the story of God’s love for the human race. It is Agape, meaning in the Greek language, “love, charity, charitable, dear and feast of charity.” Charity brings to mind giving, doesn’t it? It is grace in that God is charitable toward us, and **He gave to us the greatest gift – Jesus.**

To learn more about God’s great love, read I John 3:1 and all of Chapter 4. Use these passages to answer the following questions.

1. What is the benefit of the LOVE the Father has lavished on us according to I John 3:1-3?
  
2. How do you become a child of God according to John 1:12? (not I John)
  
3. God’s love has given those who believe the right to be called children of God. How does your thought process about yourself change when you are reminded that God is your Heavenly Father who love you, and you are His child?
  
4. Read I John 3:11-24 and 4:7-5:4. Make a two column chart. At the top, write ‘God’s Love’ as the header on the left, and on the right, write ‘My Responsibility’. List the verse reference and statements under each column according to the header.

Example:

GOD’S LOVE	MY RESPONSIBILITY
3:16 Jesus laid down His life for us	3:11 Love one another



5. According to 5:1, who is born of God? How do you know you are able to love others?

The love of God is incomprehensible. How can we fathom a love so great as to send His Son to earth as a baby, to grow to be fully God and fully man for the purpose of sacrificing His life for you and me that we might know Him and His great LOVE? It is this love which enables us to love. **He loved us first.**

This Christmas, focus on the LOVE God sent to earth. Focus on extending that love to one another through actions, not just words.

6. What are some ways you can actively live out God's command to love one another this Christmas? Ask Him to open your eyes and heart to see those who need a sign of His love, and then do accordingly.

Let's extend a 'feast of charity' this month toward others. Let your closing prayer be for those who need to see God's love lived out. Ask God to allow you to see them through His eyes. As you see the need for love in someone else, you will know what to do. God bless you!