

CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

INTRO: *It's Christmas time and that means decorating and shopping and baking and... Hallmark movies! But if one could boil it down to its purest essence, what is Christmas? The apostle John would give a precise answer.*

I. Christmas means _____ things to people.

Christmas may mean presents and parties to some, but love must be considered one of the top emotions evoked.

II. Love for _____ may be _____ at Christmas.

The 'hustle and bustle' of the season can stifle what should be a great time for Christians.

III. _____ God's _____ love to others

this Christmas (1 John 4:9). *To multiply is to increase in abundance. The Greek word translated manifested means to clearly reveal so as to remove any doubt. Here are three reasons why:*

A. God's love is _____.

As obedient children, we are to do what our Father commands.

B. God's love is _____.

If we are God's children we will imitate Him- and He is love!

C. God's love is _____.

How can it not be?! This is the season to pass it on!