

CHRISTMAS: A GIFT OF LOVE
Christmas On Purpose – Advent 4
December 23, 2007

If you don't look for Jesus in a _____,

Then you won't see Him on a _____ either.

Philippians 2:8 (TEV) *"He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death— His death on the cross."*

Matthew 1:21 (NIV) *"She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."*

WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

1. To _____ the misconceptions about God.

John 18:37b (NCV) *"Jesus answered, 'This is why I was born and came into the world: to tell people the truth.'"*

John 1:18 (NIV) *"No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, Who is at the Father's side, has made Him known."*

Luke 2:32a (NLT) *"He is a light to reveal God to the nations..."*

John 14:9b (NIV) *"Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."*

"When I want to know what God's like I take a long look at Jesus." Billy Graham

2. To _____ the love of God.

Love's best expression isn't your _____
...but your _____.

John 3:16a (NLT) *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...”*

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT) *“God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. ¹⁰ This is real love... He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”*

Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB) *“...May you be able to **feel and understand**, as all God's children should, how **long**, how **wide**, how **deep**, and how **high His love really is**; and to **experience this love** for yourselves...”*

3. To _____ a relationship with God.

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT) *“His **unchanging plan** has always been to **adopt us into His own family** by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.”*

Romans 5:11 (NLT) *“So now we can rejoice in our **wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.**”*

Galatians 3:26 (NLT) *“So you are **all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.**”*

**Christmas didn't happen by chance...
Christmas is on purpose!**