



MESSAGE NOTES

FAITHPOINT CHURCH

SERIES: BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM

MESSAGE: "THE INCARNATION OF LOVE"

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THE LOVE OF GOD – JOHN 1:1-5, 14

"The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')."
ISAIAH 7:14

While at times we might question...

- **God's** _____
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Because of Bethlehem, we never need to question God's _____ for us

*"³Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. ⁴**But**—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷Because of his grace He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."* TITUS 3:3-7

"If you ever wonder if God has a place for a person like you, find your answer in the Bethlehem stable." MAX LUCADO

"The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us." MAX LUCADO

1. Because He made us, God _____ us

"¹³You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is

marvelous—how well I know it." PS 139:13-14

"We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people." 1 THESS 1:4

→ **We are made to be** _____

2. Through the cross, God _____ us

"God bought you with a high price." 1 COR 6:20

"¹⁸For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. ¹⁹It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." 1 PET 1:18-19

"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God." 1 PET 3:18

→ **We are highly** _____ **by God**

→ **We are deeply** _____ **by God**

3. Through His grace, God _____ us to be more fully alive and fruitful in His love

[JESUS] *"¹I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more."* JOHN 15:1-2

"²²The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control." GAL 5:22-23

4. God _____ us to return His love by entering into a personal relationship with Him

"The Christmas event invites us to believe the wildest of promises: God became one of us so we could become one with Him." MAX LUCADO