

the Message of Christmas

The Message of Christmas is Love

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Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Love will last forever ... There are three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13 (NLT)

God is love ... 1 John 4:16 (NLT)

1. Love _____.

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37-38 (NLT)

2. Love _____.

"A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22:39-40 (NLT)

"I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. I command you to love each other." John 15:12, 17 (NLT)

3. Love _____.

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be." Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NLT)

4. Love _____.

"Anyone wanting to be a leader among you must be your servant. And if you want to be right at the top, you must serve like a slave. Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve ..." Matthew 20:26-28 (TLB)

5. Love _____.

"And I, the Messiah, came to save the lost." Matthew 18:11 (TLB)

"The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them." Luke 19:10 (NCV)

"If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15 (NIV)

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations ..." Matthew 28:18-19 (NLT)