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Message Series: The Heart of Christmas

Today's Message: The Heart of Christmas Is Love

1. God's Gift Was Right On Time

Galatians 4:4, 5

2. We Are Loved Into The Family of God Himself

"Adoption" is the highest privilege that the gospel offers: higher even than justification. To be right with God, the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God, The Father, is greater. ~J.I. Packer

Galatians 4:6, 7

3. The Incredible Benefits of Being In God's Family

Ephesians 1:3-14

As A Part of God's Family: In God's Eyes —

- 1) We are holy and without fault
- 2) God's Will and Way are made known to us
- 3) The Holy Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us what He promised

4. Love Freely Received Is Love Freely Given

If We Miss God's Love at the Heart of Christmas:

- 1) We only have our perceived kind of love which has been so damaged.
- 2) We miss the grace of God and so don't offer the grace of God to others who need Him.
- 3) We don't know the compassion of God and so can't express God's compassion.
- 4) But When We Recognize And Possess the kind of Love God Has For Us: His love becomes the way we treat others around us.

1 Corinthians 13:1-5

Question: Does this sound like the love you display in your life?

The Arrival of Jesus: the Ultimate Gift from God; **Our Response:** To receive Him and surrender all to His love which changes us forever.