

New Hampton Community Church

December 18, 2022

## ***"Love is at the Heart of Christmas"***



### **"The Heart of Christmas" Week 4**

➤ The Heart of Christmas ;  
Is \_\_\_\_\_; Celebrating \_\_\_\_\_!

➤ Christmas is unique and powerful ;  
Because \_\_\_\_\_ to humanity meets our \_\_\_\_\_

- *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*
- *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 3:23 & 6:23

➤ Christmas is the acknowledgement  
of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_!

*"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship."* Galatians 4:4-5

➤ God's timing is \_\_\_\_\_

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.....*

*<sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.* Ephesians 1:3-14

*"If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body [to hardship] that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

*<sup>8</sup>Love never fails. ....<sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."* 1 Corinthians 13:1- 8 & 13

### **Questions to Ponder, talk about with Life Group, Family and Friends**

- Who initiated the concept of 'gift giving'?
- What are the gifts, that God offers through Jesus?
- What kind of effect should God's love have on us?
- What is one practical way to share God's love with someone this week?