

Christmas *from the Beginning*

1 John 4:8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for **God is love.**

John 17:24 Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you **loved me before the creation of the world.**

Christmas from the Beginning

There was _____

There was _____ Love involves _____

God made humanity to _____ us

God had a desire, for humanity to forever (eternally) be with Him.

Matthew 25:34 ... 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world

*Eph 1:3-5 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. **For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.***

There was a plan, when humanity _____

*1 Peter 1:18-20 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. **He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.***

*Titus 1:1-2 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness-- a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised **before the beginning of time.***

The Plan was for Jesus to **die** to make payment with God's justice and love.

Genesis 3:6-16

Consequences of sin

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____: physically; A return to dust
spiritually; death in relationship with God

¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.
He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Christmas is A Message of Hope:

1) God comes _____: v. 9

2) God _____ for humanity

3) The Curse was _____

4) God had a _____ of Redemption

God doesn't **leave** us in our shameful moments

God shows we are **worth** dying for

Our Response:

Hebrews 12:28 Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.

- i) **Be** _____
- ii) _____ **God:** with a life that loves God back



Genesis 3