

## Love in your life



This Christmastime, you can experience God's love for you. If you were told that someone had died and left £5,000,000 to a certain person, you might not be surprised or even interested. If they added, "and that person is you", you would become very interested very quickly! Well, Jesus came and died for all ... and that includes you! He offers you forgiveness and new life.

Jesus came to save us from self, sin, and all its eternal consequences. The Bible promises eternal life to all who are truly sorry for their sin and turn from their own ways to trust Jesus as Lord. His love can impact every part of your life.

For nine months Jesus was an unborn child in Mary's womb. Thirty-three years later his body was laid in an unused tomb. Three days later that

burial place was empty. Jesus had risen from the dead.

Jesus lives today, extending His love and His life to us and calling us to turn away from a life without God. If you will ask Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour you can know Him throughout your life, through death, and into eternity. There is nothing more important or more urgent.

Your response to God's love begins when you ask Him for forgiveness of all your sin and hand over the keys of your life to Him. Will you do that today?

*O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to me, I pray;  
Cast out my sin, and enter in,  
Be born in me today.  
I hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to me, abide with me,  
My Lord Emmanuel.*

### I would like to know more about Jesus Christ

- Please send me a free DVD about the life of Jesus
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## Love at Christmas



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**Have you ever tried to sing Christmas carols in the summer? It doesn't work!**

**What would you think if you saw a Christmas tree with baubles and lights in the springtime? It doesn't work!**

**The Christmas atmosphere is something unique.**

So what's so special about Christmas?

A baby, of course!

But what is so special about this baby, born long ago?

The first Christmas blended events to create a drama which has never been seen since a baby born to a virgin, no room in the inn, angels, shepherds, wise men from the East, a jealous king, a refugee family.

On that first Christmas there were no Christmas cards or presents, Christmas dinner or crackers, holly or mistletoe. Yet over 2000 years later, celebrations ring out around the world as people gather to commemorate this unlikely birth.

What is there to celebrate? Who was the baby and why is he so important?

Ancient Greek poetry tells of a warrior, the hero of Troy, dressed in all his armour, stretching out his arms to embrace his little son before going into battle. But his child was frightened as he looked at the helmet and full military clothing. Instead of falling into his father's arms, he ran away crying.

So the warrior threw off his armour, revealing his identity, and drew the child close to him, so he could hear his father's heart beating as if to say, "I love you! I love you!"

That is how God revealed Himself in Jesus on that first Christmas Day in Bethlehem.

The all-powerful God came into our world as a baby. And in doing so, He demonstrated His love to us all.

God is awesome, almighty, and totally pure, and yet His heart beats in love towards the world He has made, and for each individual. That is why He chose to come to us.

*Love in the crib*



By coming to earth, Jesus made the invisible God visible. Since the beginning of time, God had repeatedly promised that He would come into the world as its Saviour. The baby born in Bethlehem was God keeping His word. God was big enough to become as small as a new-born baby.

God entered the world. The Creator of all things became like us, His creation. He came as Lord and Saviour. God's love can be seen in the crib of Christ: 'For God

so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...! Yet God's love did not stop there.

*Love at the cross*



Jesus' teaching has never been bettered; His life has never been equalled; His miracles demonstrated that He was truly the Lord over all powers; His love and truth were evident to all He met. Yet Jesus was born to die. On the cross, as Jesus suffered, it was clearer than ever that God loves us. God's love is written over the cross.

Jesus took on Himself everything that is rotten in the world and in each of us, paying the penalty of that sin. The Bible says, 'God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' It wasn't nails or Roman soldiers that kept Jesus on the cross but love, for you and me.