

The Christmas Love Story

We are one week from Christmas. For days now – and weeks for some – preparations have been under way through shopping, decorating, planning meals, getting the house ready for company, etc.



Through it all, let's remember to keep the focus where it belongs: The birth of the Christ Child – the greatest demonstration of God's love in the history of mankind.

Christmas, then, should be a reminder of how special you and I are to our Lord. The coming of Jesus was the start of God's plan to offer salvation and eternal fellowship with Him.

I like what Max Lucado, a minister and one of my favorite authors, wrote about God's love in his book *A Gentle Thunder*.

There are many reasons God saves you: to bring glory to Himself, to appease His justice, to demonstrate His sovereignty. But one of the sweetest reasons God saved you is because He is fond of you. He likes having you around. He thinks you are the best thing to come down the pike in quite a while.

- *If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.*
- *If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.*
- *He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.*
- *Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.*
- *He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.*

And the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem? Face it, friend.

He's crazy about you!

With that knowledge, go about your Christmas activities with a spring in your step. The Creator of the universe loves you, and He wants the best for you.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter