

This is the beginning of a true love story.

This is the 4th Sunday of Advent and today we light the candle of LOVE. My hope is that this season will cause your heart to swell with joy for this amazing gift of Love.

The story of a Father and His Son. And Their great love for you and me.

If it were not for this love... why would the Father have allowed His Son to make such a great sacrifice? Why would a King allow Himself to be subjected to humiliation, rejection, and death... if it were not for love? How do we really know this is about love?

Jesus said this...

“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me.”

John 15:9

That is a wonderful thought... but how do we really know He loves us as the Father has loved him?

“And here is how to measure it—the greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13

Jesus exemplified that love for us when He came to earth, suffered, and died for our sins.

God is so rich in mercy; he loved us so much that even though we were spiritually dead and doomed by our sins, he gave us back our lives again when he raised Christ from the dead—only by his undeserved favor have we ever been saved— and lifted us up from the grave into glory along with Christ, where we sit with him in the heavenly realms—all because of what Christ Jesus did. Ephesians 2:4-6

This is love...

This an amazing gift...

This is God’s gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own. When you’re offered a gift, you have a choice... you can either receive it or reject it.

It’s rare that we would reject a gift. Generally, we receive gifts... though we may set them aside or return them for something else. This gift that God has offered us is not a gift to be set aside. It is a sacrificial gift.

It’s the ultimate love gift.

This Christmas you have the opportunity to accept God’s gift of love... new life that comes from receiving the gift of Jesus and choosing to follow Him and make Him your Lord and Savior. If you haven’t already... I hope you will open your hands and heart right now and receive it gladly.

Nothing will make Christmas more meaningful than to accept the ultimate love gift... Jesus.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

