



 SUGAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS? Part 1 – It's about a Party!

Luke 2:9-14

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I. GOD **LOVES** YOU.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

God will love you **forever!**

Jeremiah 31:3 (NKJV) “... I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn you.”

Romans 8:35-39 (NIV) “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

II. GOD IS **WITH** YOU.

Matthew 1:21-23 “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” [22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: [23] “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”-- which means, “God **with us.**”

John 1:1-2,14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word **was** God. [2] He was with God in the beginning. [14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Why would God want to become a man?

1. Man had developed so many strange concepts about God. God wanted us to know **the truth**.

Hebrews 1:1-3 “Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. [2] But now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. ... [3] The Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about him represents God exactly...”

John 14:9 “Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

2. God took on a body so that He could **feel** what we feel.

Hebrews 4:14-16 “...We have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to him and never stop trusting him. [15] This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. [16] So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.”

3. God took on a body so that He could **do** for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Matthew 1:20-21 “But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will **save** his people from their sins.”

John 3:17 “For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be **saved**.”

Matthew 28:20 (NIV) “...And surely I am **with you** always, to the very end of the age.”

III. GOD IS **FOR** YOU.

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV) “What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is **for us**, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”

Psalms 27:1-3 “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (2) When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. (3)

