Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. December 23, 2018

 **The Gift: God’s Love For All**

1 John 4:7-12

**Key Truth:** God’s love flows from His very nature and has been demonstrated for us through the birth of Jesus Christ.

1. Love is the one quality that authenticates us as

 children of God.

2. Christmas is the greatest act of God showing His

 love for the world.

3. Jesus Christ is the full embodiment of God’s love

 toward sinners.

 A. Christmas isn’t about doing good to earn God’s

 love.

 B. Christianity is about the greatest gift given to

 humanity that we cannot earn and don’t deserve.

4. Because Christians have received the gift of love, we

 should demonstrate it in our actions toward others.

 1. As we love one another, the love of God becomes

 visible to those around us.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** This Christmas receive the love of God, Jesus Christ. As Christians love others through selfless acts of kindness.

**Food For Thought**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read John 3:16: What human need does this verse address?

What does it mean to “believe” in Jesus? Why is this so important?

What words from this passage help us understand the manner of God’s love for us?

Read Romans 5:8: Why is it important that we find the definition of love in the cross rather than somewhere else?

What is the danger in defining or quantifying God’s love based on your circumstances rather than the cross?

Read Acts 4:12. Why does the truth about Jesus matter? Why is our response to Jesus so important?

This week, how can you rely on God’s grace, rather than your own efforts, to show love to others?