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# **So That's What Love Is!**

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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# **Christmas: The Season of Love**

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- **Lk.2:8-11- Good News, Great Joy, A Saviour Is Born!**
- **John 3:16 - God loved the world so much that He gave his one and only Son**
- **3:17 - God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**
- **Christ's Mission was one of Love and to teach and empower us to overcome evil with Love**



# What Love Is Not!

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- **1 Cor.13:1-13 Love is Not:**
- **Being Religious and**
  - **Saying “The Right Thing” vs.1**
  - **Being “Super Christian” - 2**
  - **Making ultimate Sacrifices - 3**
- **Love is Serving instead of Self - 4**
- **Love is Sacrifice instead of Self – 5**
- **Love is Trusting not suspicious - 6**
- **Love is Freeing, Not Controlling - 7**





# What Is Love?

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- **1John 3:16- The Bible's definition of Love**
- **God delights in being a refuge and help to His children**
- **Christmas is God's Love in Action**
- **1John 3:7-8; 4:7-12 – This is Love!**
- **Jesus came to transform us from people in rebellion to God and arrogant toward people, to people who allow Jesus to love the unlovely through them**



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- Love can also be defined by **Grace**.
- **Grace = Unmerited FAVOUR**
- Eph.2:8,9 – For by God's **FAVOUR** you have been saved!
- The call to be people of Love can also be a call to be people who give unmerited **FAVOUR**
- A spirit of FAVOUR to all people is in short supply in our society.



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- **Love is an action word**
- **Reflect God's character of Favour to All People! Be Good News of Great Joy!**
- **Don't condemn, Show Love and Favour**
- **1 Cor.13:4,5 - Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.**

