

THE INCREDIBLE LOVE OF GOD

LUKE 15:1-32

As Christmas season has come to an end and we approach a new year, we can continue to reflect on the incredible love of God in the incarnation and coming of Christ. God so loved the world that He sent His Son. Christ came to find us and save us- to seek and save the lost. The Spirit relentlessly pursues us and calls us to repent and believe on Jesus. This is good news, because as the old hymn declares, the grace of God is greater than all our sin. Today, we will look at one of the most famous chapters in the Bible. We will see Christ criticized by man for reaching out and at the same time angels rejoicing in heaven at the results of His work. We will see that God welcomes home the sinner that repents with open arms, but sometimes those who claim to know Him don't. What can we learn about the incredible love of God?

1. The incredible love of God is demonstrated in Jesus actively seeking the lost even when unjustly criticized for doing so.
2. God rejoices when repentant sinners turn to Him and are found.
3. Those who fail to understand the heart of God will resent the fact that He seeks the lost and fail to do so themselves.