



Part 1: Reflecting Jesus

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The Incarnation of Jesus opened the door for:

- The Gift of Love
- The Reason for Joy
- The Promise of Hope
- The Dream of Peace

*As water reflects a face,
so a man's heart reflects the man.
- Proverbs 27:19*

How can we accurately reflect the love of Jesus this Christmas season?

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

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| Love is <u>patient</u> | <i>How can I reflect the patience of Jesus during Christmas?</i> |
| Love is <u>kind</u> | <i>How can I reflect the kindness of Jesus during Christmas?</i> |
| It does not <u>envy</u> | <i>How can I protect my soul from envy this Christmas?</i> |
| It does not <u>boast</u> | <i>How can I display true humility this Christmas?</i> |
| It is not <u>proud</u> | <i>How can I reflect God's humble nature this Christmas?</i> |
| It is not <u>rude</u> | <i>How can I be nice this Christmas?</i> |
| It is not <u>self-seeking</u> | <i>How can I seek the good of others this Christmas?</i> |
| It is not easily <u>angered</u> | <i>How can I choose the godly response in every situation?</i> |
| It keeps no record of <u>wrongs</u> | <i>How can I reflect the forgiveness of Jesus?</i> |

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How can we accurately reflect the love of Jesus? *(continued)*

1 Corinthians 13:6-7

Love does not delight
in evil but rejoices
with the truth

How can I discipline my heart to celebrate the good and seek the truth this Christmas?

It always protects

How can I protect my soul with the purity of the true meaning of Christmas?

Always trusts

How can trust God more fully this Christmas?

Always hopes

How can I reflect the hope of God during this season?

Always perseveres

How can I remain steadfastly faithful and unwavering during this Christmas season?

What promise do I have from the Incarnation?

1 Corinthians 13:8 - Love never fails

Small Group Questions

- 1) What do you love most about the Christmas season? What do you dread most?
- 2) John 1:14 tells us, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." What does that mean to you?
- 3) Which of the "love" questions is the most challenging for you? What is your answer to that particular question?
- 4) Is there something you can intentionally not do this Christmas to allow yourself to be a better reflection of Jesus?
- 5) Where have you seen the image of Jesus reflected in the members of your small group? Share that to encourage one another.
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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