

God's Gifts are the Best Gifts!
Christmas is about God's Love – Part 3
2 Kings 5:1-19 (ESV)
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So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house.
2 Kings 5:9 (ESV)

I can't buy God's gifts or His love because:

1. God's love is beyond comprehension.

*And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in **the Jordan** seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean. 2 Kings 5:10 (ESV)*

*But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, **I thought** that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. 2 Kings 5:11 (ESV)*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

2. God's love is unconditional.

*But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; **will you not do it?** Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'? 2 Kings 5:13 (ESV)*

So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 2 Kings 5:14 (ESV)

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 1 John 4:16 (NLT)

3. God's love is humbling and joyful.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant. 2 Kings 5:15 (ESV)

¹⁷ And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. ¹⁸ May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how

deep, and how high his love really is; ¹⁹ and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself. Ephesians 3:17-19 (TLB)

4. God's love is sacrificial.

In this matter may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon your servant in this matter. 2 Kings 5:18 (ESV)

He said to him, "Go in peace." 2 Kings 5:19a (ESV)

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (ESV)