



Advent and Evangelism Series



Alexander Sunday Bible Study – Christmas Season

Lesson #4 – LOVE | December 21, 2025

To end the Year 2025, we're conducting a 4-week series studying the traditional advent wreath and a series on evangelism. We'll explore the Romans Road, which is a wonderful Biblical resource for sharing the Gospel. As we do each week there will be a lesson, a little homework (questions in **GREEN**), and lots of great discussions.

Listed below are the four candles associated with the Advent Wreath and the sequence of lighting.

- **First Sunday:** Light the first purple candle (**Hope** or Prophets' Candle).
- **Second Sunday:** Light the first purple candle again, along with the second purple candle (**Peace** or Bethlehem's Candle).
- **Third Sunday:** Light the first two purple candles and the pink candle (**Joy** or Shepherd's Candle).
- **Fourth Sunday:** Light all three previously lit candles plus the final purple candle (**Love** or Angel's Candle).
- **Christmas Day:** A fifth, white candle (Christ Candle) is often lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the arrival of Jesus.



Introductory Remarks

The fourth of the Advent Candles is LOVE. This week we wrap up our Advent series. Discussing LOVE is an appropriate way to end this series as one of God's most defining attributes is His love for us. John 3:16 tells us that God's love for the world is what compelled Him to not only send His Son as an example, but to send His Son know He would eventually pay the ultimate price is serving as the propitiation for our sins.

God's demonstration of LOVE reflected by Jesus' birth

The birth of Jesus is the clearest and most profound expression of God's love for mankind. In sending His Son into the world, God demonstrated that His love is not distant or conditional, but personal, sacrificial, and deeply relational. Jesus entered humanity not in power or privilege, but in humility, born into weakness so that no one would be beyond His reach. From the manger to the cross, Christ's life reflected a love willing to step into brokenness, bear suffering, and restore what sin had fractured.

The name Emmanuel, meaning "God with us," reminds us that God's love is active and present, drawing near rather than remaining far off. Jesus' birth marked the fulfillment of God's promises and revealed a love that pursues sinners, welcomes the outcast, and offers grace instead of condemnation. This love was not merely spoken; it was lived, demonstrated, and ultimately sealed through Christ's sacrifice. The coming of Jesus assures us that God's love is steadfast, unchanging, and available to all who believe. In a world searching for meaning and acceptance, the birth of Christ stands as a declaration that we are known, valued, and deeply loved by God.

Ultimately, as we grow to understand God's love for us and Jesus' perfect example, we will begin to demonstrate that love to others as we show love to fellow Believers and share the Gospel with those who do not know Him.



Reference	Text
Old Testament Verses	
Isaiah 7:14	Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.
Isaiah 9:6	For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
New Testament Verses	
John 3:16	For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
Romans 5:8	But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
1 John 4:9-10	This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Questions for Consideration

1. How has understanding God's love, as demonstrated through the gift of Jesus, shaped the way you view your own worth, identity, and relationship with Him? *Consider how Christ's birth, life, and sacrifice reveal God's intentional and personal love for you.*
2. How should God's sacrificial love, revealed in Jesus, influence the way we love and engage with others, especially those who are difficult, broken, or far from God? *Be specific in considering how Christ's example reshapes our actions, attitudes, and willingness to share the Gospel.*

LOVE through Evangelism

Provided in the table below is the comprehensive version of *The Romans Road* that integrates eight (8) verses from the book of Romans presented in Lesson #1. The key is to make our interaction with people conversational and let the Holy Spirit speak through us. Most of us tend to get stressed and feel pressure to say the perfect things. We do need to be prepared, but the key is a willingness to share and a love for the person to whom you're speaking.

The Romans Road – the Path to Salvation

Step	Observation	Verse
1	Everyone has sinned.	Romans 3:23 – <i>For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.</i>
2	No one is righteous on their own.	Romans 3:10 - <i>There is no one righteous, not even one.</i>
3	Sin has a penalty.	Romans 6:23 (a) – <i>For the wages of sin is death...</i>
4	God offers a free gift.	Romans 6:23 (b) – <i>...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.</i>
5	Christ died for us.	Romans 5:8 – <i>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.</i>
6	We must confess and believe.	Romans 10:9–10 – <i>If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved...</i>
7	Salvation brings peace and acceptance.	Romans 5:1 – <i>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
8	Nothing can separate us from God's love.	Romans 8:38–39 – <i>Neither death nor life... nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God...</i>

