

**Why Do We  
Exist?**



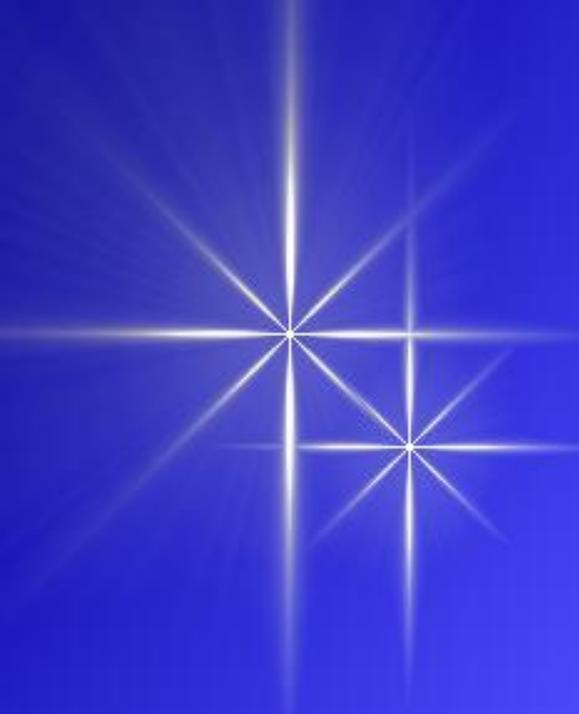
# We Exist Because God, in Love, Created Us

- God created man *like* Himself – Gen. 1:24-28; Rom. 1:20-25
- His love is seen in His desire to be a part of our lives.
  - God revealed His saving will to those who sought Him – Gen. 6:5-9; 12:1-3
  - God built a “house” among His people – Ex. 25:8-9; 2 Sam. 7:12-13
  - By these God manifested His presence to Israel – Ex. 40:34-38; 2 Chron. 5:14



# God Dwelt Among Man *As A Man*

- Jesus was “Immanuel,” or “God with us” – Matt. 1:23; Jn. 1:1-2, 14
- To accomplish this (Phil. 2:5-8):
  - Jesus left heaven
  - Lived as a man
  - Died by man’s hand to save us from our sin



# God's Love and the Church



# The Church, Christ's Body

- The church exists as proof of His love.
  - It is a blood-bought church – Acts 20:28
  - It is a church filled with the “fullness of Him” – Eph. 1:22-23
- The church is to proclaim the praises of God's love to a sinful world – 1 Pet. 2:9
  - The darkness of our sin has been taken away.
  - We now live in the “marvelous light” of Christ!



The Church's Message:

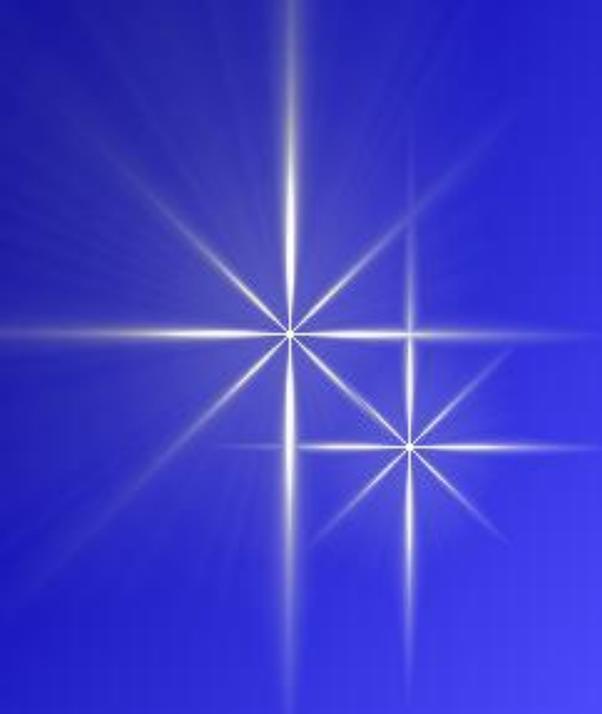
# GOD LOVES FOR SINNERS!

- The church proclaims the very purpose of Christ – Lk. 19:10; Rom. 5:6
- We can't "dress it up!"
  - God's saving grace appeared to a arrogant, sinful, treacherous people! – Rom. 1:22-25; 3:9-19
  - Yet, God overcomes sin by His amazing grace – 1 Tim. 1:13-15



# God's Love Is *Unconditional*

- It has to be for sinners to be saved!
- Don't misunderstand! God hates sin and will not save the disobedient – 2 Thess. 1:8
- Sometimes we miss the significance of His loving grace in our lives – Rom. 3:23; 6:23
- We must live in keen awareness of God's love in relationship to our **past** and **present** condition! – Rom. 5:8-11; 1 Jn. 1:5-9



**God Is Love**



# God Is Love!

- This is the most amazing, one-word description of God – 1 Jn. 4:8
- This is why we are here!
- God is not “lovingly naive” about sin!
  - Consider His words to Israel – Ezek. 18:31; 33:11
  - Think on His words to us – 2 Pet. 3:7-12



# Conclusion

- We exist because God wants to love and save each of us...despite our sin.
  - His love pleads with us, calling all to repentance and salvation.
  - All done for a people who consume His blessing while spurning His love and slandering His name.
  - If you believe this to be weak or naïve on God's part, try doing this yourself!
- The choice of salvation is yours!