

MESSAGE NOTES



SUNDAY, DEC 12TH, 10:00AM

LOVE

Movie: "HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS"



TITLE: "Finding Love in Christmas"

Subtitle: "Can Our Heart Grow 3 Sizes Larger"

TEXTS:

- John 1:14
- Lamentations 3:22
- Mark 10:21
- John 3:16
- John 13:34



Can We Find Faith in Our Favorite Christmas Movies!?

For our Winter & Christmas Series,
We Will Look for Connections to the
Christmas Themes of:

***Faith *Peace *Joy
*Love *Hope & *Christ**

#1) CHRISTMAS LOVE is About GOD who looked beyond our FAULT and saw our NEED.

"So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."

John 1:14

"4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ... 8 Love never fails..."

1 Cor 13:4-5,8

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8



#2) We ALL have a little "GRINCH" in us,
but *Christmas Love* came to HEAL our
BROKENNESS & FEARS.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are
not consumed, for his compassions never
fail."

Lamentations 3:22

"But God demonstrates his own love for us
in this: While we were still sinners, Christ
died for us."

Romans 5:8



"BLAST THIS
CHRISTMAS
MUSIC! IT'S
JOYFUL AND
TRIUMPHANT"
- THE GRINCH

#3) Fearless Christmas Love SHARED beats all the Commercial trappings of the season & can CHANGE Hard Hearts.

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

1 John 3:18

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment (torment). The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

1 John 4:18





**"Maybe
Christmas"**

the Grinch thought,

**"doesn't come
from a store."**

"Maybe

Christmas,

...perhaps...

**means a little
bit more."**

-Dr. Seuss

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#4) Christmas Love Brings REPENTANCE, ACCEPTANCE & Heart EXPANSION.

“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.

John 3:16

6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails...”

1 Cor 13:6-8

“Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Mark 10:21

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

John 13:34