

***I Want to be Loved***  
***Study Questions***

**Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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***Series: All I Want for Christmas***  
*Sunday December 4, 2016*

*“And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,”*  
*Romans 4:5 ESV*

**Love: Jesus Sacrifices His Life for Mine**

*“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”* Isaiah 53:4–6 ESV

*“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*  
*2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV*

*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*  
*Matthew 11:28 ESV*

*“Come, for everything is now ready.”* Luke 14:17b ESV

## Love: Jesus Suffered for Me

### 1. Jesus Suffered Rejection

*“Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”*

*Isaiah 53:1–3 ESV*

### 2. Jesus Died an Innocent Man

*“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.”*

*Isaiah 53:7–9 ESV*

## Love: Jesus’ Victory Secures My Blessing

*“Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”*

*Isaiah 53:10–12 ESV*

### Here Is Love

Willam Reese

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?

He can never be forgotten throughout heaven’s eternal days.  
On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* *1 John 1:9 ESV*

*“This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they’ve done to our relationship with God.”* *1 John 4:10 Msg*