**The Promise of Christmas** *(Graphic)*

**Preparing for Christmas:**

1. God is prepared to **initiate relationship with you**.
2. God has prepared for you a **promise**.
3. God prepared a promise that **cannot be broken**.

The promise of Christmas is that **God can do impossible things**.

**Promises Fulfilled**

1. Christmas illustrates the **nearness of God**.

(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**.”

(Matthew 1:22)

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.’ (which means “**God with us**”).”

1. Christmas highlights the **love of God**.

(Isaiah 54:10)

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed.” Says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”

(John 3:16-17)

“For God **so loved** the world that he **gave his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but to **save** the world through him.”

1. Christmas is a **promise fulfilled**.

(Jeremiah 31:31-32)

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.”

(Jeremiah 31:34b)

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

**Who but God** can fulfill the promise to forgive all our sin?