

## Wonder, the Remedy for Cynicism

**CYNICISM:** an attitude of scornful or jaded negativity, especially a general distrust of the integrity or professed motives of others

**WONDER:** a sense of innocent awe, fascinated astonishment, or excited admiration

It is bad for Christians to be \_\_\_\_\_,  
but it is good for them to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 10:13-15, Matthew 18:2-4, Matthew 21:15-16*

**Proverbs 17:22 (GN)** Being cheerful keeps you healthy.  
It is a slow death to be gloomy all the time.

**Acts 3:10** And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.



### THREE "WONDER-FULL" CHRISTMAS FACTS:

1. God's love is not \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 3:13-17, Ephesians 2:8-10, 2 Corinthians 2:14, Colossians 2:15*

You are God's child — you don't have to \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:15-16** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Salvation is a gift to be \_\_\_\_\_, not a goal to be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God's love is not \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 5:6-8, Matthew 20:8-16 (MES), Deuteronomy 21:18-21 (CEV), Luke 15:20-24 (MES)*

**Psalms 103:8-13** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

3. God's love is not \_\_\_\_\_

*John 3:16-17*

