



It is a blessing of God's timing that we are concluding our study of the amazing little Bible book of Jude on the Sunday right before Christmas. And why is that? Because the closing words of Jude are all about **presents**. You know, **gifts** ... those colorfully wrapped up things that we all love to get from someone(s) who loves us at this special time of year. Well, in **Jude 24-25**, the half-brother of Jesus wraps-up his thoughts by highlighting some of the most remarkable gifts that God has ever given to His children. Jude also spotlights the presents that we need to bring to God because of who He is. So, today we're going to learn all about **CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**. But not the ones under the tree. Rather, the ones that come to us from the very heart of God and the ones He deserves to receive from our hearts in return. Honestly, have you asked yourself this question: **What am I going to give God for Christmas?** Here's another question we all need to answer: **Do I realize and appreciate what He has already given to me?** Hey, Christmas is almost here. Let's allow the Holy Word of God and the Holy Spirit of God to help us get the presents all in order for these "Holy-days" of God!

WHO GETS PRESENTS?

- 1.
- 2.

GOD'S PRESENTS FOR US

1. You are in ...
2. He will teach you how to avoid ...
3. He will give you the ultimate privilege of ...
4. He will erase every single ...

5. He will provide you an eternity of ...
6. He has connected you to the only ...
7. He has rescued you from ...
8. He has blessed you with ...

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

1. The Glory only the ...
2. The Majesty only the ...
3. The Dominion only the ...
4. The Authority only the ...
5. The "Always" Commitment only the ...

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

In your small group take 5-10 minutes to review the main points of Pastor John's message. Discuss the following questions, taking your time as the Spirit leads, realizing you don't have to cover them all.

1. Let's begin your small group with a "Big Picture" review. Start by asking a good reader to read aloud, with feeling and intentionality, the entire 25 verses of Jude. What surprised you about this little book? Did you realize there was that much in it? How have you sensed God speaking to you as we studied Jude each Sunday?
2. Okay now, diving more specifically into the **Christmas theme** and **Jude 24-25**, which one or two of God's presents for us, most stood out to you during the message? Why do you think the Spirit caused those one or two gifts to most resonate with you personally? What are some of the emotions you feel when you realize anew all that God the Father gives to His beloved children through the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. Jude pinpoints for us five specific gifts that the Lord would most like to receive from each one of us as His children. Describe what each gift is all about and some ways you can give those gifts to God. Can you identify some definite things the Holy Spirit is saying to you in terms of being a better gift giver to God? What does it tell us about God that He is even interested in getting gifts from us?
4. **PONDER. PRAISE. PROCLAIM. PEACE.** These 4 words were Pastor John's "takeaways." Why are these particularly important words for us to be reminded of and to take to heart during this time of year? How can living by them make for a much **Merrier Christmas?**

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