



**Title: Unwrapped: The Greatest Gift**

**Scripture: John 3:16**

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**BOTTOM LINE: Christmas is not about the gift we might receive, it's about the gift we have already received.**

The first gifts were not presented by wise men to baby Jesus. The first gift was presented by God to us.

**Vs. 16**

**God so loved-** This is an unconditional love.

*Who is this love for?*

**The world** - His love is available to everyone.

*What did God do with His love?*

**He gave** - God had to give this to us because we could never purchase it.

The gift of God must be received.

**His only begotten Son** - This was the greatest thing God could have ever given us.

**All of God's gifts are FREE.**

**4 Things that will happen to you when you accept this gift.**

**1. God gives you LIFE.**

*[2Co 5:17 NLT] This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

**2. God gives you LOVE.**

*[Rom 5:5 NLT] And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.*

**3. God gives you a FAMILY.**

*[Eph 1:4 NLT] Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.*

*[Eph 1:5 NLT] God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*

**4. God gives you ETERNAL LIFE.**

*[Rom 6:23 NLT] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Four things that the gift of Jesus does for you:**

1. Forgives you of your sins.
2. Removes your guilt.
3. Removes your pain.
4. Restores the broken relationship between you and God.