



GIFT WRAPPING THE GOSPEL

*The gift God
created us to be*

The Messiah is Born

The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! Luke 2:11 (NLT)

Messiah means ‘the one God promised to send.’

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes in him** shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Jesus is the gift God gives to us

The gift of the gospel

- God loves us and wants to be our friend
- There is a sin problem
- Jesus came to fix the problem
- We must say “Yes” to Jesus

We are saved for a purpose

We are God's masterpiece,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

The gospel is the gift
given through people

The gift must be received

But to all who **believed** him and **accepted** him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 (NLT)

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you **believed**. And you can't take credit for this; it is a **gift** from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

Gift wrapping the gospel

- We are the ones that share the gospel!
- We can't give away what we don't have...
- Has there ever been a time when we've received Jesus?