



GIFT WRAPPING THE
GOSPEL

A pair of scissors with silver blades and grey handles is positioned in the top right corner. Several gold, multi-pointed bows are scattered around the text: one on the left, one in the bottom left, one on the right, and a red ribbon bow in the bottom right. The background is a light beige, textured surface.

The gift we receive

What if Jesus never came?



The Christmas story...

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified”

Luke 2: 8-12 (NLT)

The Christmas story...

¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

Luke 2: 8-12 (NLT)



Jesus is the Gift of Salvation



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)

What is the gospel?

1. God loves us and wants a real relationship with us.
2. There is a sin problem. We are all sinners and the penalty for sin is death.
3. Jesus came to pay the price for our sin that we could have relationship with God
4. Salvation only becomes real when we personally say “yes” to Jesus. When we give our lives to Him.

The background of the image features a light beige surface. In the top right corner, a pair of silver scissors is partially visible. Scattered around the bottom and left edges are several wrapped gifts. Some are wrapped in brown paper with red ribbons, while others are wrapped in gold foil paper with gold ribbons. The gifts are decorated with large, shiny gold bows.

Christmas is God's declaration

I showed up for you!

The Gospel is not something we just share
It first is something we receive, trust and stand on

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

George Bailey moment...

- If Jesus never came – we would be separated from God
- No one's name would be written in the lambs book of life
- We would never have the veil removed from our eyes

Let's not take the gift for granted

- How many of us have gifts we take for granted?
- Let's not take Christmas or the gift of Jesus for granted
- Let's ask God to help us be in awe of Him this Christmas