



my perfect Christmas

Pt. 4: The Perfect Gift

Questions for further study and application:

Day 1 Read 2 Corinthians 9:15. There is only one perfect gift, Jesus. Jesus is the gift from God that is beyond description. He is indescribable because He will never disappoint you or let you down. He will never leave you wanting more. There is no assembly required, no batteries or additional support, just an open heart to receive the gift of Jesus. In the frantic search for just the right gift for those you love during the holidays, don't forget the perfect gift has already been given. Sharing Jesus this holiday season is the perfect gift to give. Galatians 5:22 tells us the fruits we receive when we accept Jesus into our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. Why not start with the gift of sharing the fruits of Jesus with those around you?

Day 2 Read Luke 2:8-10. The first people to receive the perfect gift of Jesus were shepherds out in the field. When they received the gift of Jesus, their fear was taken from them. There are a lot of fears that accompany Christmas. Fear of not giving the right gift, the Christmas dinner not turning out right, issues with family members, the list is endless. The angels didn't just command the shepherds not to be afraid, they offered the solution: Jesus is born! That same solution is available to you today. Whatever fears you are facing this holiday season, Jesus can overcome them. The circumstances that cause you fear may not change this Christmas, but Jesus's presence eradicates fear. He took fear away from the shepherds, He'll do the same for you when you let Him.

Day 3 The gift of Jesus brings true joy. The angels proclaimed it in Luke 2:10, "I bring good news that will cause great joy for all the people." All other gifts bring momentary happiness; the new phone is exciting for a minute. The shiny new toy begins to dull quickly. The exercise equipment gathers dust. The true joy Jesus brings lasts forever. He never dulls or gathers dust. Living life with Jesus is living life to the fullest. Read John 10:10. True joy can be yours this Christmas season by letting Jesus be your perfect gift. Making Him the center of this holiday will help you live life to the fullest as He intended.

Day 4 Read Luke 2:11. The third thing the angels declared is the free salvation Jesus offers you. There are no strings attached, and no take backs or returns. You don't have to work harder, do better, or be more. It's free and it's for you! Psalm 35:9 (NIV) says, "...my soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in His salvation." Let your soul rejoice! Delight in His salvation. Jesus is for you and is never against you. He loves you just as you are. Accept His free gift of salvation. Don't wait another minute. Open your heart and invite Him to come in. Let Him truly be the reason for the season!

Day 5 Luke 2:14 (NIV) says "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Jesus brings peace. A multitude of angels gathered together to declare it in this verse. The peace of heaven comes to earth through Jesus. Jesus brought what the world had spent a lifetime longing for. If you are longing for peace this holiday season, you can have it right now, right where you are today. All you have to do is accept it. Accept the gift of Jesus. Let Him take away your fear. Let Him give you true joy and His salvation. Let His peace rule in your life this holiday season. Let His light shine through you to those around you.

What's New?

Christmas is the best time of the year to bring your family and friends to Waters Edge. You can find invite cards at your campus. Grab some and simply say "Come and see!" You get them there, and God will take care of the rest.