

**December 21st, 2025**  
**The Co\$t of Christmas - Week 3**

Question: Can I tell you when you know your kid becomes a teenager? When all they want for Christmas is GIFT CARDS!!

According to the Journal of State Taxation, the typical American home has an average of \$300 in unused or "unredeemed" gift cards.

I. The Unredeemed Gift  
John 1:1-5,9-12 NIV

1 John 3:16 NIV

II. The UNWRAPPED Gift

When you RECEIVE a gift, there's only ONE thing you have to do! OPEN IT!!

*John 1:12 NIV*

III. The COSTLIEST Gift

There's no question when you're a kid at Christmas, you tally the gifts! See who has the most! What you don't realize as a kid, MORE doesn't mean COSTLY!

You see, God has given us the costliest gift imaginable, but just like all the gifts you'll be given on Christmas day, you have to Receive it, then Open it, and most importantly, you need to USE it!!

How do you use it? You Activate it!!

Question: I wonder if God's Great Gift to you will be redeemed today and USED, or just left in a drawer?

A Christmas card says it well, "The Word did not become a philosophy to be discussed, a theory to be debated, or a concept to be pondered. The Word became a Person to be followed, enjoyed, and loved." Will you do that?