

The First Christmas Gift



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Luke 2¹ At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

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What was the situation actually like?

Joseph & Mary were

SAD

people weren't as nice as



it smelled really

BAD

everyone there was

MAD




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what's **inside** by
looking at what's
outside

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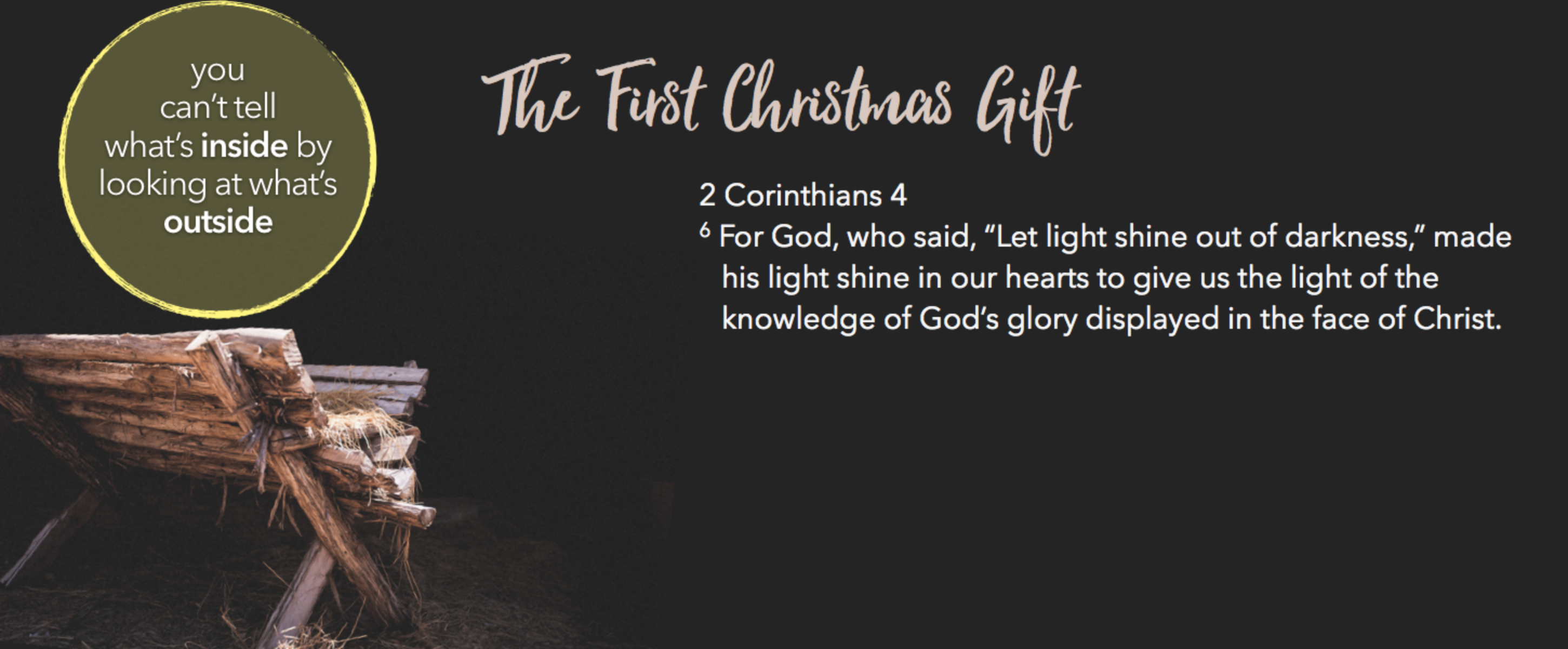
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*What we look like on the
outside isn't as important as
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*Each of us have been
the Holy Spirit, God's
light, inside our hearts*

*And we're given that
light so it can shine on
someone else*