

# ***“The Gift of God”***

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## **1 John 4:7-10 (NLT)**

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup> This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

***Sacrifice*** – atonement, an expiator: —propitiation.

***Expiator*** is a person or agent who atones for, makes amends for.

## **Luke 2:25-32 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

## **The 12 Gifts of Jesus...**

### **1. Salvation**

## **Acts 4:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

## **Titus 2:11-13 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

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### **2. Forgiveness of Sin**

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## **John 1:29 (NLT)**

<sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

## **Romans 5:15 (NLT)**

<sup>15</sup>But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.

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### **3. Eternal Life**

## **Romans 6:23 (NLT)**

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **1 John 4:9 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup>God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

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### **4. Freedom**

## **John 8:36 (NLT)**

<sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

## **Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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### **5. Hope**

## **1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

## **1 Thessalonians 1:39 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup>As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### **6. Healing**

#### **1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)**

<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

#### **Acts 3:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”

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### **7. Grace**

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Grace** - means unmerited favor, kindness, or a free gift.

#### **2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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### **8. Truth**

#### **John 14:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

#### **John 8:31-32 (NLT)**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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### **9. Peace**

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## **John 14:27 (NLT)**

<sup>27</sup> “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

## **John 16:33 (NLT)**

<sup>33</sup> I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

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### **10. Living Water**

## **John 7:37-38 (NLT)**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! <sup>38</sup> Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”

## **John 4:13-14 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

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### **11. Bread of Life**

## **John 6:35 (NLT)**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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### **12. The Holy Spirit**

## **John 14:16-17 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

## **John 15:26 (NLT)**

<sup>26</sup> “But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.