

WHAT A GIFT

We all love Christmas because it's a wonderful time of giving and receiving gifts from those who love and care for you!

That's what makes Christmas so special, it was all about the most indescribable gift, the most perfect gift and His Name is Jesus!

This gift meets our deepest needs, offers us perfect peace, love, hope, and acceptance through a relationship with Christ!

This season is all about joy, but this gift leads us beyond temporary worldly joy to lasting peace, joy, and fulfillment! What a gift!

John 3:13-17 NKJV No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man ^[a]who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should ^[b]not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

I never get tired of hearing about how much God loved us, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes and receives this perfect gift will not perish but have everlasting life!

Jesus is the greatest gift we could ever receive. He is our perfect example of everything we should be and can be because He came!

What a gift! The gift is eternal life to all those who are born again. A quality of life that frees us from the power of sin and allows us to partake of His divine nature! What a gift!

Jesus was God's gift of generosity:

2 Cor 9:15 thanks be to God for His indescribable gift

God's most generous gift ever given to us was His Son, His indescribable and incomparable gift!

How could you ever such an indescribable gift?

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son – His gift was priceless because of His great love for us

This gift's identity:

**Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.**

Who is this gift?

Jesus Christ, the wonderful counselor, He is the Living Word and our only true source of wisdom, guidance, and truth

Mighty God:

He is our infinite Hero and Divine Warrior who has triumphed over sin and death and given us the victory!

Everlasting Father:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He is the one who was and is and forever will be everywhere present and will always ;rule with power, authority on the throne of Heaven

Everlasting means He will never cease to exist as our Father to care for us!

Prince of Peace:

He is the One who offers real peace because that's who He peace. He is the only real source of peace and He offers it to us as a child of God

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

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This Gift's Great Power:

Romans 8:31,32 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

This gift breaks the power of sin and gives us eternal life. He did not spare His own Son

That's what makes this gift both powerful and valuable. He saves us from our old life and gives us a brand new life filled with hope, peace, salvation, and complete freedom!

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

He came to save, reconcile, and give us abundant life!

What should be our response to this perfect gift?

Accept His gift with a thankful heart by faith

Unwrapping this gift will call for a life of repentance and a changed life full of His blessings and favor!

Rom 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Then you follow the example of the perfect gift by sharing Jesus with the lost, blind, and hopeless and broken because He has now given us the capacity to love others – even our enemies

Now that you've found life, share it!

This gift was not free to God, it cost His only Son's life as our sacrifice

He paid for this gift of eternal life with the precious blood of His Son!

What a gift! Won't you receive His gift of unlimited love that's powerful enough to change both you and this world?

Matt 28:18-20 Go ^[a]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." ^[b]Amen.

Go and give this Gift to someone!