



“GOD’S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE WORLD”

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God’s Christmas gift was prophesied by Isaiah: “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14).

What was this “Gift” that God gave to the world?

JESUS

An angel of God spoke to Joseph and said: “...do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name of Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:20-21).



Jesus “will save His people from their sins” (v.21)

We were all lost and headed straight to hell, but God sent us a gift, Jesus to save us.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

We cannot save ourselves and because of Adam’s disobedience we were all doomed to spend eternity in the lake of fire. But thank God for His Christmas gift that He gave to us about 2,000 years ago.

Rom. 3:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

After Jesus was crucified and paid the penalty for our sins, He ascended back to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God. God sent us another Gift!

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The disciples and others in the upper room received the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. This was power from God.

Jesus said, “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about” (Acts 1:4).

Jesus spoke these words after He was raised from the dead. He was walking in His glorified body. Jesus spoke of another “gift” that the father wanted to give them, THE HOLY SPIRIT. They had already received the first Gift, Jesus. Now, 33 years later, God was going to give them another Gift. God is a giving God. This gift was not only to those who were in the upper room, but to all who Believe that Jesus died for their sins.

Peter said, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

The Gifts of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are for everyone that wants them. You must believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world and that he died for your sins. Salvation is found in no one, but Jesus Christ.

Rom. 10:13 “for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

The Gift of the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit will help us, guide us, comfort us, strengthen us, empower us and much more.

The Holy Spirit is the One, if we yield to Him, daily, who will give us the Victory in our daily battles against the devil. We can now live a Victorious Christian life with the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...” (Acts 1:8)

- Power to defeat Satan!
- Power to walk in Victory!
- Power to serve God!
- Power to walk like Jesus!
- Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit are your “gifts” from God!

CONCLUSION:

Sometimes we forget the true meaning of Christmas but think about the gifts that God gave us beginning with the first Christmas! Jesus, then the Holy Spirit.

FOR UNTO US A
CHILD IS BORN,
**UNTO US
A SON
IS GIVEN:**
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL
BE UPON HIS SHOULDER:
**AND HIS NAME SHALL
BE CALLED
WONDERFUL,
COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY
GOD,**
THE EVERLASTING
FATHER,
THE PRINCE OF
PEACE.
ISAIAH 9:6