

The Christmas Re - Gift

Isaiah 9:6

Onto us a Child is born, onto us a Son is given.

I love the Christmas season. It stirs in my soul a renewal of joy and giving that is lacking the rest of the year.

It makes me want to give out gifts and help others more as this season approaches.

This season is an opportunity to share our faith like no other time of the year as people are more receptive and willing to hear about Jesus.

Give out a few gifts.

I wonder if that is how God felt at this time when Jesus came and was born. His ultimate gift to the world, a new born Son.

I think He was really excited to see His son born and to proclaim the news to the whole world

He was so excited he sent angels to announce His Gift to the world!

Luke 2:10-14

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"**

That was an incredible proclamation of His gift to us.

What was God thinking when he gave his only Son to a world that may or may not appreciate and understand such a gift?

When we give gifts there may be a variety of different motivations. Let's look at a few.

Obligated to

Office parties

School mates

Cousins

To look good

All show to look good in front of the relatives

Because you love the person you're giving to.

John 3:16

For God so loved the World that he gave his one and only Son!

God was motivated by love for us and not because we deserved it.

Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Sometimes we try to justify our gift by what others have earned. If they were naughty or nice, if they had all As on their report card.

What would we have received if God operated in that way?

Would we even have a lump of coal in our pockets this year?

God gave because he loves us and not due to our ability to earn it.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith: and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works lest any man should boast.

Isn't it inspiring to know that we can't earn God's love? And that he gives liberally without regret?

I know that I have given with regret. If I give a gift to my kids and they break it 10 minutes later I feel pretty regretful that they didn't take care of it or that I bought a piece of garbage.

But God gives to all without regret.

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

When I give a gift it is my hope that it gets used often and was worth giving it away.

I have sometimes thought to myself to take it back and use it so it doesn't sit on a shelf.

So when we receive God's gift of Christ and the promise of salvation, does it end there?

Our gifts are so limited in their ability to provide in multiple ways for others joy and satisfaction.

Most gifts are singular in their purpose and ability to perform.

Is God's gift that way too? Does the blood of Christ only provide one thing for our walk with God and our lives here on earth?

The Sacrifice of Christ applies to much more than the forgiveness of sins. It provides everything we need for life and Godliness.

Our Healing

Our Joy

Our Hope

Our Forgiveness