



THE
GIFT OF
CHRISTMAS

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13 NIV

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

JOHN 1:1-5 NIV

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and[b] is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

JOHN 1:14, 17-18 NIV

What is love?

Love is a sacrificial commitment to another, characterized by the careful balancing of grace and truth in all interactions.

Will you receive God's gift of love?

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 JOHN 4:9-10 NIV

Will you share this love with others?

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 JOHN 4:11-12 NIV

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- Love is patient and kind
- Love does not envy, does not boast, is not proud
- Love does not dishonor others, is not self-seeking, is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs
- Love does not delight in evil, Love rejoices with the truth
- Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- Love never fails.

Which of these gifts do you need to receive in the coming year?

- Hope
- Joy
- Peace
- Love

³⁴ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

JOHN 13:34 NIV

²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I
have hope: ²² Because of the LORD's
great love we are not consumed, for his
compassions never fail. ²³ They are new
every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:21-23 NIV