

### 1. Because Jesus Christ came at Christmas, MY PAST CAN BE FORGIVEN.

**Romans 3:23-24 (LB)** "All of us have sinned yet now God declares us 'not guilty' of offending him if we trust in Christ who freely takes away our sin."

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP)** "Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh *and* new has come!"

### 2. Because Jesus Christ came at Christmas, MY PRESENT CAN BE MANAGED.

**Philippians 4:13 (AMP)** "I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]."

**Romans 8:32 (AMP)** "He who did not withhold *or* spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely *and* graciously give us all [other] things?"

### 3. Because Jesus Christ came at Christmas MY FUTURE CAN BE GUARANTEED.

**Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)** "Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying."

**When you receive Jesus Christ, the gift, you get other gifts as well.**

#### 1.) The gift of FORGIVENESS

**Ephesians 1:7** "In Him (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

**Romans 5:17** "For by the one man's offense (Adam's offense) judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act (Jesus' righteous act) the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life."

## 2.) The gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

**John 3:16** “God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever believes in His should not perish but have everlasting life.”

**Romans 6:23** "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

## 3.) The gift of SECURITY.

**Ephesians 1:13-14** “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

## 4.) The gift of His PRESENCE.

**John 14:16-17** “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

**Hebrews 13:5b** “For He Himself has said, “*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*”

## 5.) The gift of PEACE.

**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.

## 6.) The gift of UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

**Ephesians 3:18-19 (NLT)** “And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”

**Romans 8:38-39** “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

## 7.) The gift of PURPOSE.

**Romans 8:28-29** “We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.”

**Ephesians 3:10-11** “(It is God’s) intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose with He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

When you look at these gifts there are several things you notice:

- 1) They are very personal.
- 2) They are practical.
- 3) They are priceless.
- 4) They are permanent.

**Two questions:**

- 1) **Have you received God's Christmas gift of Jesus Christ?**
- 2) **How do you receive God's gift at Christmas?**

**Application:**

Do you need to accept God’s free gift of the forgiveness of your sins?

Do you need the strength of God’s grace to get you through the challenges of today?

Do you have the promise and assurance that God has your every tomorrow in His control and that you can spend eternity with Him?

The answer is as simple as ABC

A – Admit that you are a sinner and repent and turn away from your sin.

B – Believe that Jesus is God’s Son and that He came into this world to save everyone and to bring them into relationship with God.

C – Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and surrender our life to Him as Lord.

Pray: Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, and that you died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead that I might be made right with God. I ask for your forgiveness and I turn from sin and self that I might follow you. I invite you into my life to be my savior and to be the Lord of my life. Thank You Lord Jesus, Amen