**THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS**

**Luke 2:11**

[**11**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-2-11/)**For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

**INTRO:**

**II Corinthians 9:15 Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.**

**\*\*The Gift of Christmas is Jesus Christ, and He is . . .**

 **1. A Precious Gift**

 **2. A Powerful Gift**

 **3. A Perfect Gift**

**\*\*Words cannot describe the wonderful gift of Christmas; however, I want to offer a few words to try to describe this gift from God.**

**I. THIS GIFT IS PERSONAL**

**Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**

**\*\* When God got you this gift, He considered your needs and your true wants.**

**\*\*This Gift Gives You a . . .**

 **A. Personal Salvation**

**Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is Christ Jesus:**

 **1. It Removes Your Sin**

 **2. It Redeems Your Soul**

 **B. Personal Serenity**

**\*\*Serenity means peace.**

**John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

 **1. Settling Peace**

 **2. Sweet Peace**

 **C. Personal Security**

**John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**

 **1. There’s security in having a prepared Heart**

 **2. There’s security in have a persistent Holiness**

 **3. There’s security in having a prepared Home**

**\*\*Thank God for the Personal Gift that comes through Jesus Christ!**

**II. THIS GIFT IS PRACTICAL**

**\*\*Sometimes we get gifts that are useless such as a talking fish on a plaque that sings.**

**\*\*God’s gift is useful because it never wears out, never breaks, and never gets old!**

**\*\*God’s Gift is Practical Because . . .**

 **A. It Converts**

 **1. It’ll change your Life**

 **2. It’ll change your Living**

 **3. It’ll change your Love**

**\*\*It’s impossible for you to truly receive this gift and it not change the things you love, the way you live, and your entire life!**

 **B. It Comforts**

**Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

 **1. It will give you comfort and rest when the world is uncomfortable.**

 **2. It will give you comfort and rest when the wicked are unkind.**

 **C. It Cares**

**\*\*You can cast all your cares on this gift, and it will care for you!**

 **1. It cares about your concerns.**

 **2. It cares about your combats.**

 **3. It cares about you conquering.**

 **4. It cares about your cares.**

**\*\*You will never find another gift that cares about you like this gift will care for you!**

**III. THIS GIFT IS PLEASING**

**\*\*No one has ever taken this gift and walked away disappointed or displeased!!**

**\*\*So many other gifts do not satisfy, or they only satisfy for a season, but this gift always satisfies!**

 **A. This gift is a Problem Solver!**

**\*\*It has solved more problems than any lawyer, judge, mathematician, scientist, doctor, psychiatrist, or any counselor!**

 **1. It solves Large problems.**

 **2. It solves Little problems.**

 **B. This gift is a Perfect Solution!**

 **1. It’s the Perfect Solution for your Heart!**

 **2. It’s the Perfect Solution for your Home!**

 **3. It’s the Perfect Solution for your Hereafter!**

 **C. This gift is a Peace Speaker**

 **1. It speaks peace to the Sinner.**

 **2. It speaks peace to the Saint.**

**\*\*This gift has spoken more peace to just one heart than any ambassador or leader has spoken to nations!**

 **D. This gift is a People Server**

 **1. I have found this gift’s service to be Satisfying.**

 **2. I have found this gift’s service to be Superb.**

**Psalms 107:9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.**

**\*\*No one has ever had to call customer service to get this gift fixed, replaced, or just to complain about it, or to ask for a refund!**

**\*\*This gift will please you because it is a pleasing gift!!**

 **IV. THIS GIFT IS PERMANENT**

**\*\*If you receive this gift, it will never leave you nor forsake you!**

**\*\*This gift does not need . . .**

 **A. Replacing - It’s permanent, and it never wears out!**

 **B. Repairing – It’s permanent, and it never quits working, and no parts of it need to be repaired or replaced!**

 **C. Re-Manufactured – It’s permanent**

**\*\*You cannot improve it, and a new and improved model will never be produced.**

**\*\*No matter how modern the world gets, this gift will always be up-to-date!**

**\*\*It’s so up-to-date and permanent, that it will always work in your life!**

**\*\*It’s so permanent that it has worked**

 **1. In Times Past**

 **2. In Today’s Present**

 **3. In Tomorrow’s Permanence**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*What is this Gift of Christmas? The Gift of Christmas is Jesus Christ!**

**John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**Illustration:**

 **A millionaire and his son collected valuable paintings together as a hobby. Later on in life the son went off to Vietnam and was killed in the line of duty while saving another soldiers life.**

 **Years later the millionaire pasted away with no one to leave his fortune to when he died. In his last will and testament though, he gave specific instructions that all of his world-class paintings and artwork be auctioned off. They were worth millions of dollars.**

 **Galleries and art collectors from around the world came to bid on the rare masterpieces that had been collected and stored.**

 **When the auction began, the first painting the attendants were to bid on was a picture of the millionaire’s son. The rich millionaire had painted this portrait himself, and so it was not worth much in the art world.**

 **“Who will start the bid at $25?” the auctioneer asked. A simple looking man in the back immediately bid $150.00. The auctioneer asked for more bids, but no one would bid.**

 **The auctioneer then said, “Going once. Going twice . . sold to the man in the back!” The man came up front to retrieve the painting, and the auctioneer wanted to know before he handed over to him why he wanted this worthless picture of a 20 year old man.**

 **The winning bidder replied, “I’m not an expert in art, but this picture means so much to me. All I know is that this is a painting of the man who took a bullet for me and died in Vietnam just so I could live. That’s why I want this painting so bad.”**

 **The auctioneer hammered the gavel and said, “The auction is over! Everybody can go now.” The audience of people were upset and demanded an explanation.**

 **Then the auctioneer began to explain. “The millionaire that owned this great estate and this world-class paintings specifically said in his Will to auction off the painting of his son first. He furthermore stated that whoever won the painting of the son would in addition be the owner of the entire estate. This man took the son, and now he gets it all!”**

**Whoever will take the son, Jesus Christ, will get all that the son’s Father has.**