

# THE GIFT OF GOD

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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is **the gift of God** - not by works, so that no one can boast. (*Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV84*)

Four reasons Jesus is the perfect gift this Christmas ...

## I. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**Matthew 1:23** (NIV84) The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" - which means, "God with us."

### A. Jesus didn't start in a stable-HE IS \_\_\_\_\_!

**Colossians 1:15-16** (LB) Jesus Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all, and in fact, Christ Himself is the Creator who made everything...

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## II. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. You were created to have a \_\_\_\_\_ with God! (not just religion).

**John 17:3** (NIV84) And this is the way to have eternal life-to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

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## III. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 4:10** (NIV84) Jesus answered her, "If you knew **the gift of God** and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

**John 6:37b** (NIV84) ...whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

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## IV. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. God came as a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 2:16** (NIV84) So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and **the baby**, who was lying in the manger.

**Philippians. 2:7** (Amp) He became like men and was born a human being.

### B. This baby became a man, and ... \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 3:16** (NIV84) 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.

**Romans 6:23** (NIV84) For the wages of sin is death, but **the gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## V. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ God's gift?

### A. You are not here by \_\_\_\_\_!

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### Discussion Questions

1. Of all the Christmas gifts you've ever received, what is one of your favorites? Why was it so special?
2. Discuss any practical things you can do to keep Jesus in the center of Christmas this year.
3. Have you personally received God's gift of His son, Jesus Christ? If so, when and how did that take place?
4. Who do you know who needs the "Gift of Jesus" this Christmas? What steps can you take to help them find it?