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The Savior's Gift

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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)

Three reasons Jesus is the perfect gift this Christmas:

I. He came to the

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 <u>exact likeness</u> of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all, and in fact, Christ Himself is the Creator who made everything...

II. He cares about

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.

III. He sacrificed His .

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 <u>that he gave</u> 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.

IV. Jesus, the Savior, offers you a free .

A. You are not here by _____.

Discussion Questions:

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

Next Week: Romans 10:14-21