



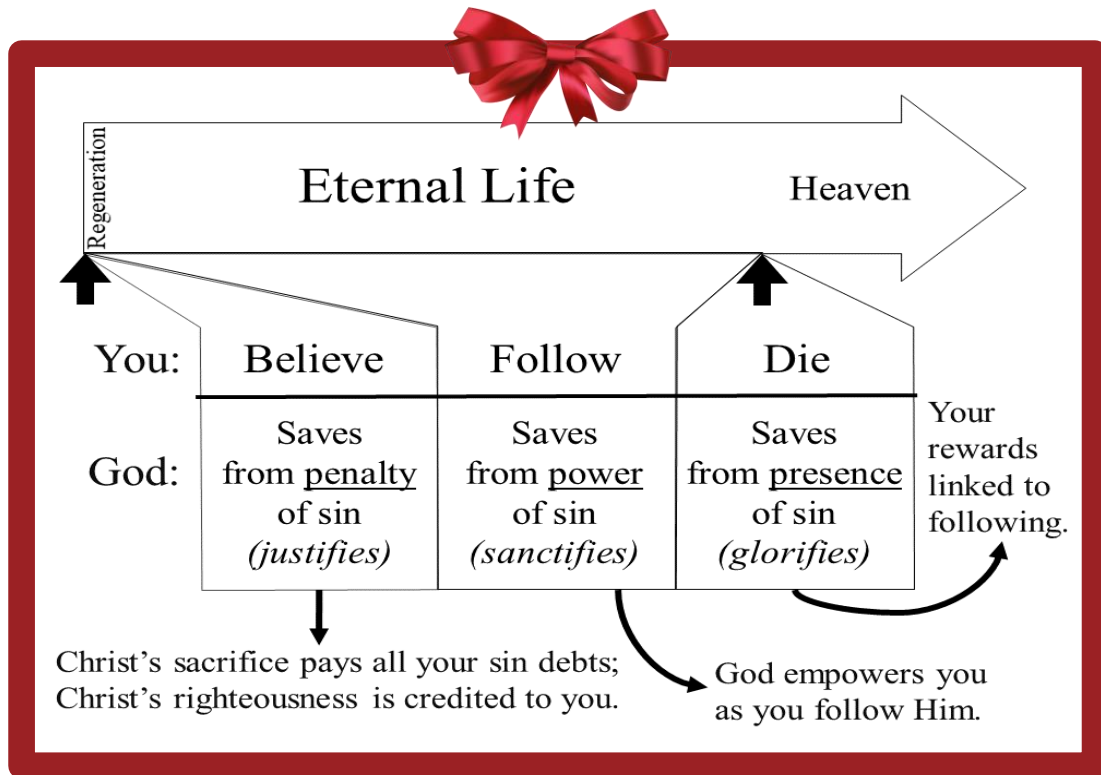
TITLE | THE CHRISTMAS GIFT, PART 2

TEXT | TOPICAL

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SERMON NOTES



BIG IDEA:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Luke 2:11

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

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FOR REFLECTION & APPLICATION:

Monday:

According to Romans 3:19-28, what does the Christmas gift of Jesus do for you? Noted pastor and author, Max Lucado gives us words we can use to express our gratefulness to God for our justification. He says,

God, I ponder Your achievement. You don't condone my sin, nor do You compromise Your standard. You don't ignore my rebellion, nor do You relax Your demands. Rather than dismiss my sin, You assume my sin, and incredibly sentence Yourself. Your holiness is honored. My sin is punished . . . and I am redeemed. You have done what I cannot do—so I can be what I dare not dream—perfect before You. (Quoted by Bjorklund, Kurt. Prayers for Today: A Yearlong Journey of Devotional Prayer (p. 219). Moody Publishers. Kindle Edition.)

Tuesday:

According to Romans 6:1-19, what does the Christmas gift of Jesus do for you? A thirteenth-century Spanish philosopher named Raymond Lull gives us words we can use to express to God our desire to follow him and be sanctified. He says,

As a needle turns to the north when it is touched by the magnet, so it is fitting, O Lord, that I, your servant, should turn to love and praise and serve you; seeing that out of love for me you were willing to endure such grievous pangs and sufferings. (Quoted by Bjorklund, Kurt. Prayers for Today: A Yearlong Journey of Devotional Prayer (p. 219). Moody Publishers. Kindle Edition.)

Wednesday:

According to Romans 8:18-30, what does the Christmas gift of Jesus do for you? A noted Christian author, Joni Eareckson Tada, who was paralyzed in a diving accident at age seventeen gives us words we can use to express to God our great hope for glorification. She says,

God, You permit what You hate to accomplish that which You love. . . . You care most God not about making us comfortable— but about teaching us to hate our sins, grow up spiritually, and to love You. To do this, You give us salvation's benefits only gradually, sometimes painfully gradually. . . . You let us continue to feel much of sin's sting while we're headed for heaven . . . where at last, every sorrow we taste will one day prove to be the best possible thing that could have happened. (Quoted by Bjorklund, Kurt. Prayers for Today: A Yearlong Journey of Devotional Prayer (p. 221). Moody Publishers. Kindle Edition.)

Thursday:

How much did the Christmas gift from Jesus cost? (Read John 10:10-18.)

Friday:

How do you receive the gift Jesus offers? (Read John 3:16; 5:24; 6:40, 47.)

Daily Prayer:

Lord, as I reflect on your Christmas gift to me—the entirety of salvation it brings, the price you paid for it, and the love and grace by which you offer it freely—I am so amazed and grateful. Amen.