

Title: Giftmas or Christmas

Text: *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."* **Luke 2:11**

Target: With every gift there is a thoughtfulness and intentionality invested for the purpose of a desired outcome, so much more is this gift of JESUS!

1. **The Gift is Personal:** *"for unto you"*
 - a. *"For God so loved the world..."* (John 3:16)
 - b. *For God demonstrated His love to us...* (Romans 5:8)
 - c. *"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us."* (Ephesians 2:4)
2. **The Gift is Purposeful:** *"born"*
 - a. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14)
 - b. *He is the image of the invisible God.* (Colossians 3:15)
 - c. *"Being found in human form, he humbled himself..."* (Philippians 2:8)
3. **The Gift is Practical:** *"this day"*
 - a. *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,"* (Galatians 4:4)
 - b. *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the gospel."* (Mark 1:15)
4. **The Gift is Prophetic:** *"in the city of David"*
 - a. *"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea..."* (Matthew 2:1)
 - b. *"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from old, from ancient days."* (Micah 5:2)
5. **The Gift is Provisional:** *"Savior"*
 - a. *"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."* (John 3:17)
 - b. *"We have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe."* (1 Timothy 4:10)
6. **The Gift is Preeminent:** *"Christ"*
 - a. *Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God"* (Matthew 16:16)
 - b. *"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."* (John 20:31)
7. **The Gift is Prerequisite:** *"The Lord"*
 - a. *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:6)
 - b. *"And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* (Philippians 2:11)

Takeaway: This Gift of Jesus is more than a gift to be received; it is a gift that is to be used to redeem.