

## “A REALITY CHRISTMAS GIFT”

2 Corinthians 9:15

No word better describes the Christmas season than “*gift*.” We are concerned about giving the right gift to the right person at the right price. We enjoy receiving gifts that have been carefully selected for us. Today, we turn our attention to four wonderful characteristics of the indescribable gift God offers us through Christ.

### 1. God Offers Us A Personal Gift.

*“O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways.”* Psalm 139:1-3, NASB

*“Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.”* Psalm 27:10

*“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel” - which means, “**God with us**.”* Matthew 1:23

*“God has said, I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.”* Hebrews 13:5, NCV

### 2. God Offers Us A Practical Gift.

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

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”* Matthew 5:8

*“Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God.”* Psalm 51:9,10a

*“Today in the town of David **a Savior** has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.”* Luke 2:11

*“Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty.’”* John 6:35

### 3. God Offers Us A Permanent Gift.

*“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:11b-13*

*“I tell you the truth, whoever hears My Word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” John 5:24*

#### 4. God Offers Us A Priceless Gift.

*“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” John 1:29*

*“God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood.” Romans 3:25a, NLT*

*“...God... sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 1 John 4:10*

*“When He served as a sacrifice for our sins, He solved the sin problem for good - not only ours, but the whole world's.” 1 John 2:2, Msg.*

#### CONCLUSION

*“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12*

- I must receive God's gift to me!

#### PRIMARY RESOURCES USED FOR THIS SERMON INCLUDE:

“The Indescribable Gift” by J. John

“God's Christmas Gift” by James Merritt

“A Gift Beyond Description” by Melvin Newland