GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO US

What is the message of Christmas?

The message of Christmas is that we matter to God so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to earth to let us know how much we matter to Him!

When we receive the gift of Jesus, He Himself gives us three gifts;

Luke 2:10-11 The angel said, "Don't be afraid! I bring you the most joyful news_ever announced, and it is for everyone! Today your Savior was born... He is Christ, the Lord ...

Luke 2:14 Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace among the people who please God."

Accept God's Gift of HAPPINESS

"I come to give you great news of great joy."

Jesus said, "I came to give life - life in all its fullness." John 10:10.

God wants us to make the most of our life, to make our life count and to enjoy life.

Accept God's Gift of HOPE

"Today your Savior was born."

What does salvation mean?

- Forgiveness for our past.
- Freedom in our present.
- Fulfillment in our future (eternity).

God wants us to stop striving and to accept His gift of hope.

"Unto you is born a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

John 3:17 God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

He didn't come to put us down - He came to lift us up!

Accept God's Gift of HARMONY

"Let there be peace among the people."

God wants us to have good relationships with other people, not just with Him.

Christmas is a time for reconciliation.

Once we receive the peace of God, then we can have peace with other people.

2 Corinthians 5:18 God reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Conclusion

2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for His gift. It's too wonderful for words.

Will we open up the gift God's has given to us and to receive Him into our life.

Remember: God's love and acceptance of us never runs out. There's an endless supply of His love!