

JESUS IS GOD'S GIFT TO US

The message of Christmas is that we matter to God so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to earth to reveal how much we matter to Him.

Luke 2:10-11;14 (ncv) 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 14: Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace among the people who please God."

God's gift of joy, of forgiveness and of peace is all found within His gift to us, Jesus Christ.

GOD'S GIFT OF JOY

"I bring you the most joyful news ever announced."

God is not some killjoy, wanting to make our life miserable.

It is an error to think that God doesn't want us to enjoy life.

The first gift God wants us to receive is the gift of joy by receiving Jesus into our life.

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, not to waste it, but to make our life count.

To enjoy our life with Jesus at the centre.

GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

"Today your Savior was born." Our Saviour has brought us Salvation through His death, offering us forgiveness and a hope for eternity.

But we've got to accept God's gift of Salvation found in Jesus through forgiveness.

Frustration, worry, guilt, disappointment, and stress in our life is often a result of doing Jesus' job.

God encourages us to stop trying to save ourselves and to relax and to accept His gift of hope. *"Unto you is born a Savior which is Christ the Lord."*

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

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

GOD'S GIFT OF PEACE

"Let there be peace among the people."

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

Christmas can be a time to reflect. A time to reconcile, to break down barriers, and to build bridges, restoring relationships that have been broken and damaged.

Once we've got peace **with** God, then we get the peace **of** God in our life.

Once we've got 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.

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

Some people go Christmas after Christmas ... and they never accept God's gift of Jesus.

I urge you this Christmas to receive the gift God's given us and receive Him into your life. It's simple. All you do is ask Him!