

The Birth Of Jesus Is Important But The Gifts That Came From The Birth Tells The Real Christmas Story!

John 1:1 (NASB)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1 John 1:1 (NASB)

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—

1 John 1:2 (NASB)

² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

1 John 1:3-4 (NASB)

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

What do you think about when you think about Christmas and the birth of Jesus?

Our Scripture verse is not the typical Christmas verse but it does a wonderful job of explaining the Nativity scene.

Romans 6:23 (NASB)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Greek word charisma is the English word gift which means a gift of grace, a free gift.

In John 1: 1 Jesus is called <u>"The Word"</u>
In 1 John 1:1 Jesus is called <u>"The Word of Life"</u>

In 1 John1:2 Jesus is called "Eternal Life"

We are not told that Jesus has eternal life, or even gives eternal life, we are told that He is eternal life.





If you never open the gift then you will live with fear, insecurity, inadequacy, and the feeling that you will never measure up to God's standards.



Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Your choice defines your life!

This actually show how important your belief in the Christmas story actually is!

If we ae saved not by what we have done but by what Christ has done then it is crucial that the event of the Gospel are real.

- Immaculate Conception
- Birth
- The Cross
- Resurrection of the dead
- Forgiveness of sin
- Righteousness
- Justification
- Sanctification

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John 16:22 (NASB)

Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from you.

John 17:13 (NASB)

13 "But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

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Psalm 1:3 (NASB)

³ He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. 4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

Robert Yarbrough, NT Scholar says the verbs: saw, heard, touched correspond to the varieties of witnesses [attestation] [showing evidence]in ancient jurisprudence. John is not making conversation but swearing a deposition. [giving sworn evidence]

If the Christmas Story is a fictional story then you are on your own, if it is a reality and you accept Jesus gift then you are saved by grace and with grace comes God's riches at Christ expense.

1 John 1:3 (NASB)

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Koinonia is a Greek word which means communion, joint participation, the share which one has in anything, a gift jointly contributed.

We can have the same personal communion with God that the Apostles had who saw, knew and touched Jesus personally.

John 1:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Moses could not see the glory of God not can we but Jesus allows us to see it. He become the filter!

If you want to see God in human form immerse yourself in the Scriptures. Humility, compassion, Wisdom. Power, Truth.

He is personal and touchable.
This is the real gifts of Christmas!

Jesus defies the worlds expectations.

- The infinite become finite.
- The extraordinary become ordinary.
- Deity becomes mortal man.
- No hotel but a barn.
- No palace but homeless.

The real story of Christmas begins not with great accomplishments but just an ordinary act of humbling asking.

If you haven't are you willing to open god's gift this Christmas and humbly ask Jesus to be your Lord? That is the real meaning of Christmas.