**The Gift of Christmas**

**The Perfect Gift (John 3:16)**

**Recap:**

* **Peace on Earth (Luke 2:14)**
  + **The Source of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7)**
  + **The Gift of Reconciliation (Romans 5:1-9)**
  + **The Call to Share Peace (Matthew 5:9)**
* **Hope for the World (Luke 1:26-38)**
  + **The Prophecy of Hope (Isaiah 9:2)**
  + **The Fulfillment of Hope (Matthew 1:22-23)**
  + **The Future of Hope (Revelation 21:4)**
* **John 3:16**
* **Have you found the perfect gift for all the people on your list? Have you ever received the perfect gift? God has the perfect for you this Christmas.**

1. **God gave us the perfect of love: “For God so loved the world…**
   1. **He gave us the perfect gift of His unlimited Love.** 
      1. **1 John 3:1: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.**
   2. **He gave us the perfect gift of His unending love.** 
      1. **Jeremiah 31:3: the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.**
   3. **He gave us the perfect gift of His unconditional love.** 
      1. **1 John 4:19: We love because he first loved us.**
   4. **He gave us the perfect gift of His undeserved love.**
      1. **Romans 5:8: but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**
2. **God gave us the perfect gift of His Son: “that he gave his only Son…**
   1. **Isaiah 9:6: 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**
   2. **He is called Wonderful.**
   3. **He is our Counselor.**
   4. **He is the Mighty God**
   5. **He is the Everlasting Father**
   6. **He is the Prince of Peace**
3. **God gave us the perfect gift of faith: “that whoever believes in him.”**
   1. **My friends the faith we have in Christ is a gift from G.**
   2. **Ephesians 2:8-9: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.**
   3. **The faith that we exercise is even a gift from God. Apart from God’s work in our hearts, we would have never been able to believe.**
4. **God gave us the perfect gift of eternal life: “…that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**
   1. **He gave us the perfect gift of unending life.**
   2. **He gave us the perfect gift of a better life.**
   3. **He gave us the perfect gift of a relationship with God.**

**Conclusion:**

* **Application:**
  + **God gave us a perfect gift of Love.**
  + **God gave us the perfect gift of His Son**
  + **God gave us the perfect gift of Faith.**
  + **God gave us the perfect gift of Eternal Life**
* **If you want to receive the Perfect Gift this Christmas, Surrender to Jesus.**