

## JESUS OUR GREATEST GIFT

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Jesus: “God SO LOVED the world that HE GAVE His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life!” John 3:16

“God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8

“Since God did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, then can we not expect that, WITH HIM, God will freely give us ALL His gifts?” Romans 8:32

Jesus: “If you, though imperfect and sinful, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!” Matthew 7:11

### ALL OF GOD’S GIFTS ARE WRAPPED IN JESUS

#### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ACCEPT GOD’S GIFT OF JESUS?

##### 1. GOD GIVES ME A NEW IDENTITY

“When someone accepts Christ, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!”  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus: “If you follow my words, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32

“Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you’ll know what God wants you to do, His good, pleasing and perfect will for your life.” Romans 12:2

##### 2. GOD GIVES ME A NEW ABILITY

“God has poured out His love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God’s gift to us.” Romans 5:5 (TEV)

“Now God works IN you, giving you both the desire and the ABILITY to fulfill His good purpose for you.” Philippians 2:13

“For God does not give us a spirit of fear, but instead He fills us with power, love, and self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7

##### 3. GOD GIVES ME A COMMUNITY

“Because of His love, God’s unchanging plan has always been to ADOPT US into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 1:4-5

“That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:15

“A different spiritual gift is given to each of us in God’s family so we can help each other for the common good.”  
1 Corinthians 12:7

“In Christ’s family there are no divisions between Jew and non-Jew, or slave and free, or male and female. Instead we’re all equal in a common relationship with Jesus Christ.” Galatians 3:28

##### 4. GOD GIVES ME A NEW DESTINY

“God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.” 1 Peter 1:4

“The free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“Thanks be to God for His indefinable gift!” 2 Corinthians 9:15