

What a Gift Really Tells Us About the Giver  
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*Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— Romans 5:12*

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23*

### **What does God give an unholy, disobedient, polluted people?**

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:18-23*

### God gives us at Christmas

- **A baby born in a manger – God in the flesh**

*7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."*

*9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?*

*Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? John 14:7-9*

*18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. John 1:18*

- **He gives us hope and redemption**

*"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," 1 Peter 1:3*

*"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" Revelation 21:4*

*"And there shall be no more curse" Revelation 22:3*

*"we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" Romans 8:28*

- **He gives us Jesus – Immanuel – God with us**

*"I will never leave you nor forsake you" Matthew 28:20*

*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. Isaiah 9:6*