

What I got for Christmas

Luke 1:67-80

God delivers the present of fulfilled prophecy to His children for Christmas

The joy, hope, love and peace of the gospel is God's plan of salvation;

1. since before the foundation of the world. V67-75
2. for us to share with sinners and saints. V76-80
 - a. to give knowledge of salvation- v77-78
 - b. to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death- v79a
 - c. to guide our feet into the way of peace." v79b-80

1 Corinthians 8:7

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity--hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory--because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.

~J.I. Packer~

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