



# CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Packages wrapped beneath the tree have, throughout the years, become an almost necessary part of Christmas celebrations. How many of you shook your wrapped presents under the tree, excitedly guessing what was inside each parcel? How many kiddos still look forward to running into the living room on Christmas Day, opening everything up and then spending the rest of the day marveling and playing with all of their new stuff?

G.K. Chesterton said years ago that if my kids can thank Santa Claus for putting toys in their stocking, can't I thank God for putting two feet in mine? Gift-giving was God's idea first: He started it by giving the gift of His Son!

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **Luke 2:8-20**

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those

on whom his favor rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

### **Romans 8:32**

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

## **QUESTIONS.**

- 1.) Why do you (or don’t you) give gifts on Christmas?
- 2.) What has God given you?
- 3.) How/what can you give back to God this Christmas?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?