



The Unopened Christmas Gift”

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John 3:16

We have all heard it said: Christmas is about giving not receiving.

But I would like to share with you a secret... God intended for us to receive something on Christmas

The 1st Christmas, God gave His very best gift to us:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son...”

Yet, we tend to leave God’s gift under the tree. Unopened. Left to be pondered and marveled at...

But never truly received. Never opened...

So the gift is given, but few actually receive it.

This gift is not the BIRTH of Jesus Christ, but His LIFE!

He didn't stay in a manger. He grew up, He lived a sinless life, and He died on the cross for you and for me.

The birth of Christ was just the beginning, the real gift was the life of Christ, which would be given for you and for me.

Scripture says:

“He made Him who knew no sin, would become sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

It was a trade. He traded Himself for us. He gave the gift of His life.

I found a **CHECK** written with our name on it.
...Yet it was never applied to our personal account.

I had placed it in my pocket. I saw it, knew it was for me, and yet never applied it to my account.

A check written is only valuable to me if I choose to apply it.

God has something with your name on it...

It is a **GIFT**. It isn't something He wants you to work for. It's something that He freely gives to you.

The only thing you have to do: *Is accept His gift!*

This gift is not just the birth of Jesus Christ... But His very life!
Which He gave for you. He gave His life on the cross for you.

Luke 22:19-20

I ask you to do 3 things as you receive the gift of Jesus Christ:

1.) Pray earnestly 2.) Fill out your form 3.) Take Communion



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