

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: The 12 Gifts of Christmas

Week 3: The Personal Gifts of Christmas

There are some gifts that you remember throughout your life, and there are some gifts that you'll never forget. Then there are gifts that transform who you are.

John 1:10-18

Gift 7: Relationship extended (1:9-13)

The world's blindness (**2 Corinthian 4:4**). Jesus is the "true" light –what is real and genuine. People had seen reflections of the light of His glory, but in Jesus the full "radiance of His glory" was revealed. (**Hebrews 1:3**)

Gift 8: Presence revealed (1:14-15)

1:14: God took on humanity. The infinite became finite. Eternity entered time. The invisible became visible. God became fully man yet remained fully God. It's what Paul wrote in **1 Timothy 3:16**. But He also "made his dwelling among us." This was not a mere appearance. He took on all the essential attributes of humanity and was "made in the likeness of men" (**Philippians 2:7**). Jesus manifested God's divine glory during His earthly life with a clarity never before seen, but it was veiled by human flesh. Jesus' manifestation of the divine attributes revealed His essential glory as God's Son (**Colossians 2:9**).

Gift 9: Grace abounds (1:16-18)

Your life is blessed by His grace and freed by the truth.

Because of **Colossians 2:9** the gift of grace is a limitless, never-ending flow **Ephesians 2:7**

The impact of the Gift.

1. **Grace triumphed over the law.** Jesus Christ brought the full realization of grace and truth.
2. **God was made visible with a clarity never before seen or known.** It is through Jesus Christ, the "image of the invisible God (**Colossians 1:15**), that God is revealed.
3. **God, who cannot be known unless He reveals Himself, became most fully known because Jesus explained Him.** "What is God like?" Jesus is the explanation of God. He is the answer to the question. (cf John 14:7-9)