



THE GIFT OF GOD

John 4

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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS?

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WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE IT WILL TAKE TO
HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS?

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO MOST?

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD...

JOHN 4:1–6 THEREFORE, WHEN THE LORD KNEW THAT THE PHARISEES HAD HEARD THAT JESUS MADE AND BAPTIZED MORE DISCIPLES THAN JOHN ² (THOUGH JESUS HIMSELF DID NOT BAPTIZE, BUT HIS DISCIPLES), ³ HE LEFT JUDEA AND DEPARTED AGAIN TO GALILEE. ⁴ BUT **HE NEEDED TO GO THROUGH SAMARIA.** ⁵ SO HE CAME TO A CITY OF SAMARIA WHICH IS CALLED SYCHAR, NEAR THE PLOT OF GROUND THAT JACOB GAVE TO HIS SON JOSEPH. ⁶ NOW JACOB'S WELL WAS THERE. **JESUS** THEREFORE, **BEING WEARIED FROM HIS JOURNEY,** SAT THUS BY THE WELL. IT WAS ABOUT THE SIXTH HOUR.

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD...

- JOHN 1:14 AND **THE WORD BECAME FLESH** AND **DWELT AMONG US**, AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, THE GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.
- ACTS 1:8 BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND **YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES** TO ME IN **JERUSALEM**, AND IN ALL **JUDEA** AND **SAMARIA**, AND TO **THE END OF THE EARTH.**”

JOHN 4:7–10 A **WOMAN OF SAMARIA** CAME TO DRAW WATER. **JESUS SAID TO HER**, “GIVE ME A DRINK.”⁸ FOR HIS DISCIPLES HAD GONE AWAY INTO THE CITY TO BUY FOOD.⁹ THEN THE **WOMAN OF SAMARIA** SAID TO HIM, “**HOW IS IT THAT YOU, BEING A JEW, ASK A DRINK FROM ME, A SAMARITAN WOMAN?**” FOR JEWS HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH **SAMARITANS**.¹⁰ JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HER, “**IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD**, AND WHO IT IS WHO SAYS TO YOU, ‘GIVE ME A DRINK,’ **YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM, AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER.**

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD...

A. THE GIFT OF GOD IS LIVING WATER THAT SATISFIES FOREVER.

- JOHN 4:11–12 THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, “SIR, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DRAW WITH, AND THE WELL IS DEEP. WHERE THEN DO YOU GET THAT LIVING WATER? ¹² **ARE YOU GREATER THAN OUR FATHER JACOB,** WHO GAVE US THE WELL, AND DRANK FROM IT HIMSELF, AS WELL AS HIS SONS AND HIS LIVESTOCK?”

A. THE GIFT OF GOD IS LIVING WATER THAT SATISFIES FOREVER.

- JOHN 4:13–14 JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HER, “WHOEVER DRINKS OF THIS WATER WILL THIRST AGAIN,¹³ BUT **WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM WILL NEVER THIRST**. BUT THE **WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE** HIM WILL BECOME IN HIM **A FOUNTAIN OF WATER SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE**.”

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD...

**B. THE GIFT OF GOD IS NOT FOR TEMPORAL COMFORTS
OR PLEASURES.**

- JOHN 4:13 JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HER,
“**WHOEVER DRINKS OF THIS WATER WILL THIRST
AGAIN,**

C. THE GIFT OF GOD BRINGS SALVATION TO ALL WHO REPENT AND BELIEVE.

- JOHN 4:16–20 JESUS SAID TO HER, “**GO, CALL YOUR HUSBAND, AND COME HERE.**”¹⁷ THE WOMAN ANSWERED AND SAID, “I HAVE NO HUSBAND.” JESUS SAID TO HER, “YOU HAVE WELL SAID, ‘I HAVE NO HUSBAND,’¹⁸ FOR YOU HAVE HAD FIVE HUSBANDS, AND THE ONE WHOM YOU NOW HAVE IS NOT YOUR HUSBAND; IN THAT YOU SPOKE TRULY.”¹⁹ THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, “SIR, I PERCEIVE THAT YOU ARE A PROPHET.”²⁰ OUR FATHERS WORSHIPED ON THIS MOUNTAIN, AND YOU *JEWS* SAY THAT IN JERUSALEM IS THE PLACE WHERE ONE OUGHT TO WORSHIP.”

C. THE GIFT OF GOD BRINGS SALVATION TO ALL WHO REPENT AND BELIEVE.

- JOHN 4:21–24 JESUS SAID TO HER, “WOMAN, BELIEVE ME, THE HOUR IS COMING WHEN YOU WILL NEITHER ON THIS MOUNTAIN, NOR IN JERUSALEM, WORSHIP THE FATHER. ²² YOU WORSHIP WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW; WE KNOW WHAT WE WORSHIP, **FOR SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS.** ²³ BUT THE HOUR IS COMING, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE **TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH**; FOR THE FATHER IS SEEKING SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM. ²⁴ GOD IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM **MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.**”

C. THE GIFT OF GOD BRINGS SALVATION TO ALL WHO REPENT AND BELIEVE.

- JOHN 4:25–26 THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, “I KNOW THAT **MESSIAH IS COMING**” (WHO IS CALLED CHRIST). “WHEN HE COMES, HE WILL TELL US ALL THINGS.”
26 JESUS SAID TO HER,
“**I WHO SPEAK TO YOU AM HE.**”

D. THE GIFT OF GOD RECEIVED TRANSFORMS SINNERS INTO WITNESSES WHO SHARE THE GIFT WITH OTHERS PASSIONATELY AND PURPOSEFULLY.

- JOHN 4:27–30 AND AT THIS POINT **HIS DISCIPLES** CAME, AND **THEY MARVELED** THAT HE TALKED WITH A WOMAN; YET NO ONE SAID, “WHAT DO YOU SEEK?” OR, “WHY ARE YOU TALKING WITH HER?” ²⁸ THE WOMAN THEN LEFT HER WATERPOT, WENT HER WAY INTO THE CITY, AND **SAID TO THE MEN**, ²⁹ “**COME, SEE** A MAN WHO TOLD ME ALL THINGS THAT I EVER DID. **COULD THIS BE THE CHRIST?**” ³⁰ THEN **THEY WENT OUT OF THE CITY AND CAME TO HIM.**

E. THE GIFT OF GOD COMMANDS ITS RECIPIENTS TO LABOR EXPECTANTLY IN GOD'S HARVEST FIELDS.

- JOHN 4:31–38 IN THE MEANTIME HIS DISCIPLES URGED HIM, SAYING, “RABBI, EAT.”³² BUT HE SAID TO THEM, “I HAVE FOOD TO EAT OF WHICH YOU DO NOT KNOW.”
³³ THEREFORE THE DISCIPLES SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, “HAS ANYONE BROUGHT HIM *ANYTHING* TO EAT?”³⁴ JESUS SAID TO THEM, “**MY FOOD IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK.**”³⁵ DO YOU NOT SAY, ‘THERE ARE STILL FOUR MONTHS AND *THEN* COMES THE HARVEST’? BEHOLD, I SAY TO YOU, **LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT THE FIELDS, FOR THEY ARE ALREADY WHITE FOR HARVEST!**

F. THE GIFT OF GOD IS RECEIVING JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR.

- JOHN 4:39–42 AND **MANY OF THE SAMARITANS OF THAT CITY BELIEVED IN HIM** BECAUSE OF THE WORD OF THE WOMAN WHO TESTIFIED, “HE TOLD ME ALL THAT I *EVER* DID.”⁴⁰ SO WHEN THE SAMARITANS HAD COME TO HIM, THEY URGED HIM TO STAY WITH THEM; AND HE STAYED THERE TWO DAYS.⁴¹ AND **MANY MORE BELIEVED** BECAUSE OF HIS OWN WORD.⁴² THEN THEY SAID TO THE WOMAN, “**NOW WE BELIEVE**, NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID, FOR **WE OURSELVES HAVE HEARD *HIM* AND WE KNOW THAT THIS IS INDEED THE CHRIST, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.**”

F. THE GIFT OF GOD IS RECEIVING JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR.

- JOHN 3:16 FOR **GOD** SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE **GAVE** HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT **WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM** SHOULD **NOT PERISH** BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.”

F. THE GIFT OF GOD IS RECEIVING JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR.

- EZEKIEL 36:25–26 THEN **I WILL SPRINKLE CLEAN WATER ON YOU**, AND YOU SHALL BE CLEAN; **I WILL CLEANSE YOU FROM ALL YOUR FILTHINESS AND FROM ALL YOUR IDOLS.** ²⁶ **I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PUT A NEW SPIRIT WITHIN YOU; I WILL TAKE THE HEART OF STONE OUT OF YOUR FLESH AND GIVE YOU A HEART OF FLESH.**

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD...

F. THE GIFT OF GOD IS RECEIVING JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR.

- TITUS 3:4–5 BUT WHEN THE KINDNESS AND THE LOVE OF GOD OUR SAVIOR TOWARD MAN APPEARED, ⁵ **NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** WHICH WE HAVE DONE, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY **HE SAVED US, THROUGH THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



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