



Christmas ... The Best Gift Ever

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Truth for Life

For the week of December 13, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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When the Gift Becomes the BEST

I. It is _____ ... (gr. εὐαγγέλιον)

Cp. Luke 1:1-4; 2:10; Romans 1:16

Why? Because we _____

II. The Best Gift Ever ... _____

God heard their groaning and he remembered

Cp. Exodus 2:24; 3:7-10; 14:20-31; 15:2,3

If it's the Best Gift Ever at first, why isn't it always the Best Gift Ever?

a. Because their _____ were not met

b. Because they really _____ what they ~~Wanted~~ Needed.

III. The Best Gift Ever ... from Someone _____

"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Cp. Luke 5:1-3, 8, 10-11; Romans 3:23-24

a. We all Have _____.

b. We all _____.

c. We've all been _____ the very best gift ever given.

1. Christians often do not reflect faith very well. As a result of their inconsistency, they may do more damage to those who are seeking than good. How have you seen people poorly reflect faith?
2. Read Luke 1:1-4.
 - What stands out to you?
 - Why do you think Theophilus wanted this account to be written, since others were already written?
3. Read Luke 6:27-36.
 - What stands out to you?
 - What elements of faith mentioned in this passage are essential to displaying genuine faith?
 - Are there other elements that are necessary to displaying genuineness of faith? Did Jesus mention your list? Why or why not?
4. In your group discuss WHY genuineness of faith is essential to effectively sharing our faith? How can we overcome missteps in our own faith observed by those who might be seeking? What do we need to do to correct our misstep? What can we do when the excuse is concerning someone else's misstep?
5. Read John 3:16 from a few translations. What stands out to you in this verse? If salvation is available to the whole world (... God so loved the world ...) then why do you think faith seems to be having less affect upon our current culture?
6. Here are a few other questions for thought ...
 - a) How can we best pray for a lost person? Are there promises in God's Word to help us in our praying?
 - b) What is the proper balance between seeking God Himself versus asking Him to meet our physical and emotional needs?
 - c) To what extent should our evangelistic approach try to meet the felt needs of lost people?
 - d) Can a person who professes to believe in Christ, but who lives in disobedience, be assured of his salvation? Why/why not?



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I. It is **Good News** ... (gr. εὐαγγέλιον)

Cp. Luke 1:1-4; 2:10; Romans 1:16

Why? Because we **Aren't so Good**

II. The Best Gift Ever ... **But Not Really**

God heard their groaning and he remembered

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If it's the Best Gift Ever at first, why isn't it always the Best Gift Ever?

- a. Because their **Expectations** were not met
- b. Because they really **Didn't Know** what they ~~Wanted~~ Needed.

III. The Best Gift Ever ... from Someone **Who Knows Us Best**

"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Cp. Luke 5:1-3, 8, 10-11; Romans 3:23-24

- a. We all Have **Something in common**.
- b. We all **fall short**.
- c. We've all been **invited to embrace** the very best gift ever given.

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