



Christmas ... The Gift that will Never Let you Down

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... if we are faithless, he remains faithful” – 2 Timothy 2:13

The Gift that Cannot Fail

I. It is _____ ... (gr. εὐαγγέλιον)
Cp. Luke 1:1-4; 2:10; Romans 1:16

Why? Because the Gift He gives _____
Quit, Break, Wear Out, Rust Away, Lose its Value, or Let you Down.

II. When the World looks at Christ ... they Look through _____ to See Christ.

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors

Cp. Matthew 5:13-16; Ephesians 4:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 2:4

If the Church is God’s Ambassador; what has the Lost World Observed through Us?

- a. _____ Morality
- b. _____ Witness
- c. _____ Relationships
- d. Prophetic _____

III. The Gift that will Never Let you Down ... _____

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Cp. Matthew 7:29; 28:19-20; Mark 7:20-23; Matthew 24-25

- a. When He Speaks, He Declares the _____ of God.
- b. When He Convicts, He Diagnoses the _____ of the Human Heart
- c. When He Promises, He Predicts the _____ of Future Events

Truth for Life

For the week of December 20, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Think about the Christmas gift that was the greatest disappointment. Did it quit too soon? Break? Or just didn’t meet your expectation? Maybe something else? What happened with the gift? What caused the disappointment?
2. As we consider the birth of Christ, we need to be reminded of Old Testament prophecies that are clearly fulfilled in His birth. Consider the Scriptures below. An Old Testament passage is paired with its corresponding New Testament fulfillment. What promises are made in each?

Genesis 22:18 / Matthew 1:1	Micah 5:2 / Luke 3:3
Micah 5:2 / Luke 2:4-7	Isaiah 7:14 / Matthew 1:18
Psalms 72:10 / Matthew 2:11	Psalms 72:9 / Luke 2:9

What does the fulfillment of prophecy surrounding Christ birth teach us? How does it support our faith? How does it instruct us about How God works?

3. What affect did the seemingly blunder of ... “no room for them in the inn” have upon the birth of Jesus? Any negative affects? Positive affects? In the grand scheme of things, did it alter God’s plan? Or could it have been part of God’s plan? Anything about the story that may give us insight to the fact that being born in a stable may have been part of God’s design? What can we learn about this that may help us when things go wrong in our life?
4. Consider the subpoints under point III.. Which of these catch your attention? Why? How do you think God might use that in your life?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
 - a. Some say, “It doesn’t matter what you believe, just so you believe.” Why is the content of faith crucial?
 - b. How can we know that there is such a thing as absolute truth? How can we know what that truth is?
 - c. Is it necessary to feel lost in order to get saved? How can we share the gospel with people who don’t know they’re lost?

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If the Church is God's Ambassador; what has the Lost
World Observed through Us?

- a. **Selfish** Morality
- b. **Inconsistent** Witness
- c. **Fractured** Relationships
- d. Prophetic **Failures**

- III. The Gift that will Never Let you Down ... **He is Faithful**

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Cp. Matthew 7:29; 28:19-20; Mark 7:20-23; Matthew 24-25

- a. When He Speaks, He Declares the **True Word** of
God.
- b. When He Convicts, He Diagnoses the **True**
Condition of the Human Heart
- c. When He Promises, He Predicts the **True Course**
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