

THE GIFT OF GOD'S SON

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As we enter this Christmas season, it's a time to remember the heart of the Gospel. Christmas reminds us that God looked upon humanity, saw us as we truly are, and responded with the greatest gift of all—His Son, Jesus Christ. This act of grace didn't come from a distant or disinterested God, but from a loving Father who sees us with compassion, grace, and a desire for each of us to experience life in Him.

The Christmas story is a message of hope. When God sent His Son to earth, He knew each one of us would struggle with sin and brokenness. Yet, He saw our potential, our need, and our true value, choosing to enter into our world to offer us salvation and a way to experience life more abundant and free. This incredible compassion, this "seeing" with love, is what we are also called to do in our community today.

Friends, we must look around us and see people the way God sees them. Imagine what would happen if every church member started to see their neighbors, co-workers, and even strangers through the lens of God's love.

Our communities would be transformed! Yet, sharing the Gospel is not a job we should leave solely to pastors or missionaries. God has called each of us to carry this message of hope into the world.



Can I be honest? The lost aren't waiting for a church service—they're waiting for someone to come to them with the love of Christ. This Christmas, let's be people who take the initiative to reach out to those around us. Let's return to the urgency of sharing the hope of Jesus, especially in a world that so desperately needs Him. Take that step, engage in conversation, offer a listening ear, and share the story of Jesus with someone in need.

This is our privilege and calling. Will you take that step of faith today?

Blessings,
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