

# THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

John 3:16-17

## **Introduction:**

As we enter the Christmas season, minds are turned toward shopping, parties, giving and receiving gifts. What is the greatest gift you have ever received? The Bible tells how the Queen of Sheba gave King Solomon 120 talents of gold (four and a half tons, valued at \$3.5 million). She also gave him huge amounts of spices and precious stones. In fact, it was the largest single gift of spices King Solomon had ever received (1 Kings 10:10). That was indeed a great gift. But there is another gift we are told about in the Bible that is much greater than all this. It is the giving of an only son to be abused and eventually crucified on a cross in order that the world might be saved. The name of this gift is Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

### **I. The Gift of Forgiveness (Rom 3:23-24)**

- A. Forgiveness is Immediate
- B. Forgiveness is Undeserved (Rom 3:24a)
- C. Forgiveness is Complete (Rom 3:24b)

### **II. The Gift of Strength (Phil 4:13)**

- A. Christians can be content in all circumstances no matter how severe they are - through Christ. But Christians cannot be content in any circumstances apart from Christ.
- B. The Christ of Christmas, the strength of God has the power to help you face whatever problem you are going through. Christ will meet your needs. Just remember we are not self-sufficient. Our strength comes from the Lord.
- C. "Always be content, trust in God, believe in His Word, and stay focused on Him - during good times and bad times.  
ILL: 2 Cor 12:9-10

### **III. The Gift of Heaven (Heb 2:14-15)**

- A. Freedom from the fear of Death
- B. Appointment with Death (Heb 9:27)
- C. Plan of Salvation (Eternal Destination)

## **Conclusion**

- A. God gave us the first Christmas gift (Rom 8:32)
- B. Salvation is the gift of God

**Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas - The Birth of the Savior**

**"The Word of God shall stand forever" (Isa 40:8)**

