

CHRISTMAS 2023, #2
THIS GIFT IS FOR YOU!

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Text: John 3:16 and Selected Passages

Truth Points: What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. Why is the land of Israel important today and in Biblical History? What is the golden triangle? Why does it matter in the past, the present, and the future?

2. Read John 3:16. Summarize why this passage is a Christmas overview in one sentence?

3. Why Is God's love amazing?
 - Ephesians 3:17–19

 - Romans 8:35–39

4. What is the cost of redemption? Should we have sticker shock? Consider 1 Peter 1:18–19.

5. Who can experience God's gift? What makes the woman caught in John 8 so significant?

6. How do we receive the gift of eternal life? Consider Romans 3:23 and John 6:47.

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. According to our passages, what is God's gift to me? What did it cost Him? What does it cost me?
2. How do I receive God's gift? What is my future with His gift? What is my future like without His gift?
3. Would it insult God if I ignore or reject His gift? What is keeping me from receiving it right now? How do I trust in Jesus right now? Will I trust in Him right now?
4. Who is the Holy Spirit wanting me to share this gift of God with this week?

Action Points: What am I going to do **this week** because of this truth?

1. **Read Ephesians 3:20–21** (NASB95).
Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
2. **Reflect** on John 3:16 every day.
3. **Memorize John 3:16.**
4. **Ask** yourself three questions every day:
 - How is God's love amazing?
 - Have I trusted in Jesus alone to save me from my sin?
 - How can I know for sure I am going to heaven?
5. **Share** with another follower of Jesus what you are learning about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc. Help them follow Jesus better in 2023.