

## Five Gifts You Get from Christ This Christmas

Christ is **THE GIFT** of Christmas.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." **John 3:16 ESV**

**1. You get the gift of sudden joy.**

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." **Luke 2:8-10 NLT**

God...richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **1 Timothy 6:17 NIV**

**Joy isn't getting what you want. It's appreciating what you have.**

**2. You get the gift of salvation.**

The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem...And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." **Luke 2:11-12 NLT**

Every priest goes to work at the altar each day, offers the same old sacrifices year in, year out, and never makes a dent in the sin problem. As a priest, Christ made a single sacrifice for sins, and that was it! **Hebrews 10:11-12 MSG**

**What's great about this gift is that it cost you nothing because it cost Him everything.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" **John 1:29 ESV**

**3. You get the gift of peace.**

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." **Luke 2:13-14 NLT**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7 NLT**

#### **4. You get the gift of purpose in your steps!**

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. **Luke 2:15-19 NLT**

#### **5. You get the gift of praise. Christmas: 'Christ' mas (worship)**

The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. **Luke 2:20 NLT**

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! **2 Corinthians 9:15 NAS**

Message Notes: The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, New Living Translation, New American Standard Bible, 1995. The Purpose of Christmas, by Rick Warren. Hidden Christmas, by Timothy Keller. Do It For A Day, by Mark Batterson