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Christmas Week



What is a gift? A ‘gift’ is defined as something given voluntarily without return payment and it shows favor toward another person. Gifts are generally given out of love for another, and God did just that. ‘For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life’ (John 3:16). In our verse, the word ‘indescribable’ is the Greek word *‘anekdiégētos’* meaning ‘unspeakable, incapable of being adequately expressed or uttered, too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.’ Sometimes we say we are speechless; that is the idea of inexpressible. How utterly profound, deep, unmeasured, boundless, and precious is God’s gift of our Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. At Christmas we celebrate God’s immense, immeasurable, indescribable, and unspeakable gift of Jesus! The babe we think of lying in a manger in Bethlehem is so much more than just a tender child – He is very God! He is called ‘Immanuel’ meaning ‘God with us’ (Matthew 1:23). Jesus took on a body of human flesh so He could bear in that body the sins of the world – yours and mine (Matthew 1:21; 1 Peter 2:24; Galatians 3:13). It was God’s plan, God’s love, God’s only begotten Son Jesus whom He gave so we would not perish but have eternal life. This Christmas time, let’s celebrate Jesus – the indescribable gift of God!



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