

# THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

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*For unto you is born this day is a savior, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)*

At a Christmas dinner the guests were seated around a long festive table and identical packages wrapped in red foil lay beside each plate.

Some guests shook their package, a few checked out their neighbors, some opened their gift with excitement, taking it out of its wrapping for others to see and touch and admire.

How like another Christmas night when God gave an identical gift to all men over 2000 years ago. Some merely observed it with curiosity, some only commented on it, but some received it with rejoicing and hurried to share it with others.

This gift is still offered to each of us. We can set it aside for later, we can simply observe it as our neighbors gift, or we can receive it with great joy and thereafter, thank God for the magnificence of his generosity.

**DEAR LORD,  
LET US GREET THE ADVENT SEASON  
LIKE A CHILD, WITH THE  
ANTICIPATION OF JOY. WE KNOW  
YOU HAVE GIVEN US THE ONLY GIFT  
WE TRULY NEED. IN THIS TIME OF  
PREPARATION, LET US SEEK WAYS  
TO COMPLETELY UNWRAP YOUR  
GIFT SO OTHERS CAN SEE IT LIVING  
IN US. AMEN**