



John 3:16

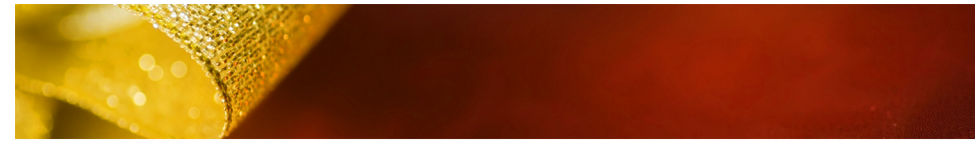
This teaches that God's gift to us is motivated by His love for us. At Christmas time, we are motivated to give gifts to those WE love. Here are some suggestions for giving:

- 1) _____ -
make time for your family over the holidays
- 2) _____ -
don't just give "stuff," create meaningful experiences
- 3) _____ -
create or maintain holiday traditions for your family
- 4) _____ -
manage family get-togethers with grace
- 5) _____ - The Story (Luke 2:1-14)

Luke 2:1-14

When Jesus came to earth, it was the culmination of a plan that had been unfolding for centuries – a plan to rescue people from their sins.

- Genesis 3:15 – promise to Adam and Eve
- Genesis 12:1-2 – promise to Abraham
- 2 Samuel 7:16 – promise to David
- Isaiah 7:14 – promise to Israel



"He gave His only Son"

- Luke 1:30-33 – promise to Mary
- Matthew 1:20-21 – promise to Joseph

(Genealogies in Matthew 1 and Luke 3 tie the birth of Jesus to ancient promises.)

- Matthew 2:1-2 – promise understood by wise men
- Luke 2:10-11 – promise to shepherds

For centuries, God's people had been looking for the promised Messiah. Parents and grandparents taught their kids the deep truths about "the Rescuer" who was coming. Christmas gives Christians a chance to teach the deep truths about Christ.

Christmas Theology:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____ Jesus is the _____
- 3) _____ needs a Savior
- 4) _____ God is _____

Holiday Theology:

- 1) Never claimed to be God
- 2) Many ways to God
- 3) Good people go to heaven
- 4) God is "way out there"

Christmas exists because God gave.
Now it is our turn to "Give Christmas Away!"