

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE
SERMON OUTLINE
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“GOD’S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT!”

2 Corinthians 9:15; Luke 2:7

Look and listen again at the scripture verses that we read this morning:

“Thanks, be unto God for his **UNSPEAKABLE gift.**”- *II Cor. 9:15.*

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and **WRAPPED him in swaddling clothes.**”-*Luke 2:7.*

“For the wages of sin is death; but the **GIFT OF GOD** is eternal life.”- *Rom. 6:23.*

This is the time of year when we think back to when the Three Wise Men went to see the baby Jesus, and, according to the Book of Matthew, “*presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh*” (*Matt. 2:11*).

These are simple words, but if we analyze them carefully, we discover an important, yet often-overlooked, theological fact: In this account: **There is no mention of wrapping paper!**

Think about this conversation of Christmas morning between a husband and his wife. Man doesn’t know much about wrapping, but **man HAS learned all that he knows about giving from God. God is in the giving business.**

Surely God is a great Giver. Mankind can learn a lot about giving from Him. Now Paul said, “Thanks be unto God for His indescribable gift.” Why does Paul call Jesus “indescribable?” I think that there are at least four reasons.

I. BECAUSE OF HIS NATURE

How do you describe Jesus? What words would you choose? How do you describe a baby born of a virgin? How do you describe God in flesh?

II. BECAUSE OF HIS PURPOSE IN COMING TO EARTH

I think Paul called Jesus indescribable because of His purpose in coming to earth. The angels announced to the shepherds, “Unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord.”

III. BECAUSE OF THE GRACE BY WHICH JESUS IS GIVEN

You know, every gift that I give this Christmas will be given because the recipient of that gift has some claim on me. That is what makes God’s gift so special. He doesn’t owe us anything.

IV. BECAUSE OF HIS EFFECT ON US

Now what happens when I receive God’s gift? When you open your gifts this Christmas will your life be different?

The Bible teaches that when we accept Jesus, the indescribable gift of God, that we will never be the same again because of how He affects our life.

The first effect of Jesus coming into our life we are *forgiven of our sins.*

When I accept Jesus, *I am adopted into His family* and I am guaranteed citizenship in His kingdom.

When I accept Jesus, I receive *the gift of His Holy Spirit to live within me.*

I am also *given His peace.*

Because of Jesus my *mansion in heaven* is paid for, a dwelling place that will last for all eternity.

Now this morning we are going to celebrate that Gift as we come together as His Family of Faith at the Lord’s Table and remember that His Body was broken and that His Blood was Shed that we might have forgiveness and become the children of God by Faith in Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Let’s Pray.