

THE
GIFT OF
HOPE



GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

Introduction:

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Salvation is God's greatest gift, but it is a gift that we must choose to receive.



Text: John 1:12-13

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”

God desires to give us His great gift of salvation. To receive that great gift, we must also receive His gifts of:

CONFESSION —the ability to
ADMIT sin and
ACKNOWLEDGE responsibility

for that sin is not a price to be paid or a painful experience to endure, but a liberation that frees us from the past!

(1 John 1:9)

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REPENTANCE (Turning from

Sin)—the ability to actually

CHANGE how we think and act

comes from God; He speaks, we obey!

(Acts 3:19)

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BELIEF IN CHRIST —belief is a response to God's gift of convincing evidence and the spirit of conviction. Yes, feeling **MISERABLE** can be a wonderful gift!

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

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FORGIVING Others—God knows that we need the **PEACE** that comes with letting go of past hurts and wrongs.

(Matthew 6:14-15)

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BAPTISM (Public Acknowledgement of Faith) — to be **COMMITTED**, with no possibility of turning back, is a great gift that allows us to be single-minded, and not to waver!

(Matthew 10:32-33)

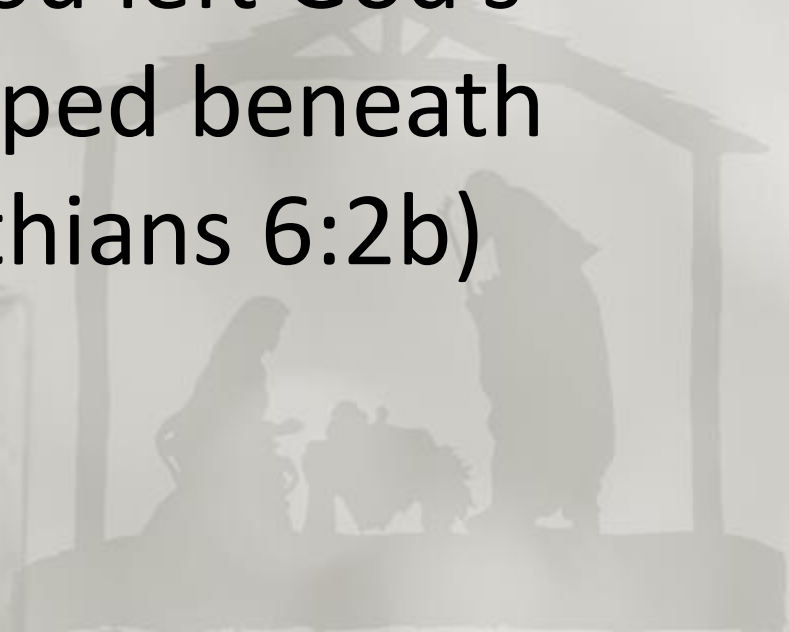
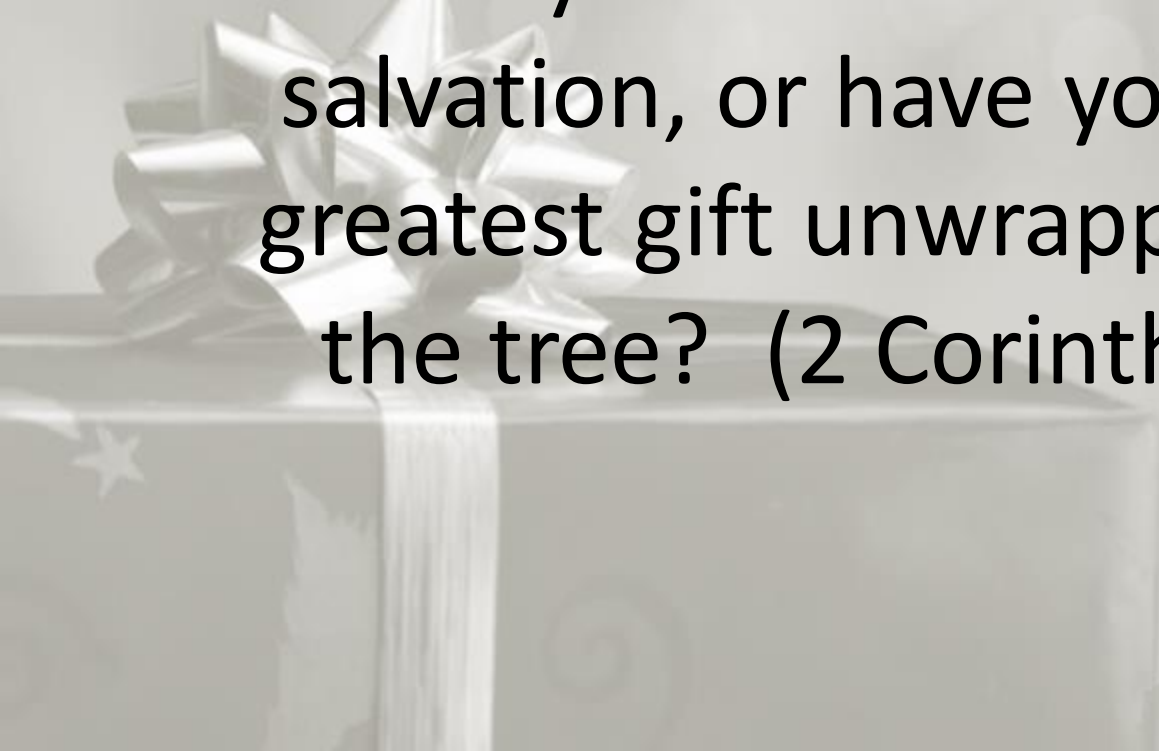
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Conclusion:

Have you received God's gift of salvation, or have you left God's greatest gift unwrapped beneath the tree? (2 Corinthians 6:2b)

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