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**Who's Been Naughty & Who's Been Nice?**

# Introduction:

Santa may only bring gifts to  
the good ones, but God sent  
His gift to all of us!

**Text: John 3:16-21**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

**This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.**

**Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.**

**But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”**

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**Text: Romans 3:23**

**...for all have sinned and fall short of  
the glory of God**



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**Text: John 1:12**

**Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.**



In our society, it is natural to believe that **LOVE** is **PERFORMANCE - BASED**, because we:

Are all products of a **COMPETITIVE** culture that is constantly **MEASURING** **PERFORMANCE**;

Have repeatedly witnessed the **FRACTURING** of relationships when **EXPECTATIONS** were not met.



*The Bible reveals that God loves  
us, not our performance!*



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If God **LOVED** only those of us who  
**PERFORMED** perfectly, He would  
have no one to **LOVE** !

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory  
of God,”--Romans 3:23

God wants all of us to receive **JESUS**,  
because when we do we receive:

**FORGIVENESS**, and can feel  
**CLEAN** again;

**ETERNAL LIFE**, and can begin to be  
freed from our **FEARS** and  
**INSECURITIES**;

God wants all of us to receive **JESUS**,  
because when we do we receive:

Spiritual **REBIRTH**; and can become  
entirely **NEW CREATION** of God;

The **RIGHT** to be **ADOPTED** by  
God, and can become **HEIRS** to all that God  
Himself possesses!

# Conclusion:

Have you asked for the gift of  
God and received it?

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