

December 22 | Sunday

For unto us a child is born...

Read [Isaiah 9:1-7](#)



23 | Mon – The best gift ever | Read [James 1:17](#) / [Isaiah 9:6](#)

Receiving gifts is one of the fun holiday traditions many people enjoy. What is the most memorable gift you have ever received? God loves to give gifts too. Next to giving you the breath of life, the most important gift God has given is Jesus. The child which Isaiah refers to was not just given to Mary and Joseph's family or to the Jewish people; this child was given to you. How has the gift of God's Son impacted your life?

24 | Tue – What God looks like | Read [John 14:7](#)

Jesus' life was a gift to all humankind. For the first time, a person could know what God is really like by looking into the face of Jesus. What do you see when you read his story in the gospels? Compassion for the underdog, words of correction for the arrogant, mercy on the guilty, gentleness with the weak, but best of all, forgiveness for all who wanted it. Which do you need most this season?

25 | Wed – Soul infection | Read [Romans 5:12, 15](#)

Ever since Eden, our relationship with God has been damaged. Jesus' life and death offered the solution to heal this soul infection. An offer not always accepted. Forgiveness asked for and received has the power to change your present and future. When you confront your own selfish bent toward playing god, you surrender to the One who can save you from yourself. Do you completely understand this? Have you offered this kind of forgiveness to those who have hurt you? It is a wonderful gift to give or receive this time of year.

26 | Thu – New discoveries | Read [Colossians 2:9-10](#)

The day after Christmas can seem anti-climactic, except for children who have new toys to explore. You may often hear, "wow, I didn't know it could do that!" Knowing Jesus is a never-ending discovery of new and wonderful things about God. Not only can you have this wonderful relationship with the Almighty, but you can discover aspects of his character that will delight and amaze you. What new things about Him have you learned this season?

27 | Fri – No expiration date | Read [Romans 12:2](#) / [1 Corinthians 2:16b](#)

Along with salvation, Jesus brought gifts that will outlast any others you have received before. Reading and thinking on his words, you gain a new perspective and find a way to live worthy. Although life may not become easier, it will become more purposeful. As you experience his unconditional love, you can extend it to others. As you grow in trust, you will have the ability and courage to face anything that life brings. It is yours for the asking.

28 | Sat – The Gift who keeps on giving | Read [John 14:15-17, 25-26](#) and [16:12-15](#)

A most wonderful personal gift is what Jesus promised would come after he went back to heaven...the person he described with a word that means *advocate, intercessor, counselor, comforter, strengthener*, and *one who stands by you*. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would guide you into all truth, remind you of what Jesus taught and help you live it out. What a gift! In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit's work in your life in the past year?