

**Outline – December 18, 2022**  
**Matthew 2:9-12, Romans 6:23,**  
**2 Corinthians 9:13-15**  
**The Gift Of God**

**Gifts Are An Important Part Of Christmas**

- I. The stats around Christmas**
  - A. 70% admit they regift their gifts
  - B. 80% believe they give better gifts than their spouse
  - C. 30% admit they will return their gift
  - D. 25% admit they prefer gift cards or money
  
- II. The great gift event**
  - A. Two thousand years ago God broke into humanity's story
  - B. Deity was birthed into humanity
  - C. God took on flesh
  - D. May I have your attention please
  - E. It was an event that changed the world
  - F. It was an event only a few experienced
    - 1. Mary and Joseph
    - 2. Shepherds
    - 3. Angels
    - 4. Later the Magi
  - G. Others had no room, no interest, no idea
  
- III. The journey of the Magi**
  - A. To worship Him
  - B. To bring Him gifts
  - C. To bring back the word that Messiah was born as Daniel had declared
  - D. They were moved by the
    - 1. Message of Scripture
    - 2. Ministry of the Spirit
    - 3. Miracle of the star
  - E. What they sought
    - 1. God's Son
  - F. What they brought
    - 1. Gold - Sovereign King
    - 2. Frankincense – sinless deity
    - 3. Myrrh – sacrificial death

**IV. God's gift to us**

- A. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord
  - 1. A gift we need
  - 2. A gift we want
- B. God so loved, He gave
- C. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift

**V. The ultimate question – Have you received the gift?**

- A. For a gift to be enjoyed, it must be received
- B. To be thankful for it
- C. To honor it
- D. To enjoy it
- E. To share it
- F. Jesus is the gift
- G. Once you've received it, you are never the same

**VI. What makes this season special**

- A. Celebrating, sharing, thankful for His gift
  - 1. This season means very little to those without the gift
- B. For some, the season could be Festivus
- C. But to those who have received it

**We Celebrate And Remember What Child Is This -  
God's Indescribable Gift.**