



**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds  
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*The Christmas Gifts*

Introduction It is Christmas time! I want to share spiritual lessons we can learn through the Christmas season. I want us to see how everything connects to the gospel story. Each of us have opportunities to talk about Christ during this season and God has given us many visual reminders of His saving work. Jesus did a marvelous job teaching object lessons in His ministry. Today we will discuss Christmas gifts (**II Corinthians 9:15**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

***I. A Mysterious Gift***

- It was a mystery to His parents (**Matthew 2:1-12, Luke 2:8-20**).
- It was a mystery to family (**Matthew 2:1-12, Luke 2:8-20**).
- It was a mystery to wise men (**Matthew 2:1-12**).
- It was a mystery to shepherds (**Luke 2:8-2**).

***II. A Miraculous Gift***

- He was born of virgin (**Isaiah 7:14, 9:6**).
- He was preceded by John (**Isaiah 40:3**).
- He survived Herod's tyranny (**Jeremiah 31:15**).
- He overcame Satan's temptation (**Matthew 4:1-11**).

***III. A Magnificent Gift***

- Eternal life is for those who do God's will (**Matthew 7:21**)
- Eternal life cannot be earned (**Ephesians 2:8-9**)
- Eternal life comes from God (**Titus 1:2**)
- Eternal life gives us hope (**Titus 3:7**)

***IV. A Measureless Gift***

- God expects us to receive His Son as a gift (**John 3:16**).
- God expects talents to be invested (**Matthew 25:14-30**).
- God expects gifts to be used (**Romans 12:3-8**).
- God expects fruit to be shared (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

Conclusion: How should we respond to the Christmas story? What can we learn from Christmas gifts? How can we share the gospel story during Christmas? Will you share spiritual lessons you have learned? Have you accepted the greatest gift of all? Are you giving a message of hope to others? Have you received salvation? Will you share the gift of Jesus?