

The Greatest Gift of All

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John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

1. Christmas Gifts

What have you been doing to get ready for Christmas? I am sure you have decorated at your house, sent Christmas cards, and bought Christmas gifts. Although Christmas is not our birthday, we love to buy gifts and give them to our children, grandchildren and friends.

What is the best Christmas present you've ever received? For me, the best gift was a GPS. About 15 years ago, my family and I lived in Fairfax, Virginia. At that time, someone gave me a GPS. I was serving a church as a pastor, and I would often visit church people. After I received the GPS, I didn't have to look at a map to figure out the directions. I was grateful for the present.

2. Jesus is the Best Gift

John 3:16 says, God sent Jesus as a gift for us: "***God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.***" Jesus is the best gift from God for us. Through Jesus we have received the gift of eternal life. Eternal life means an intimate relationship with the creator forever. Death is not the end of our life.

3. Have We Opened the Gift?

Have you ever received and opened God's gift? If we don't open a gift, we do not know what the gift is and can't enjoy using the gift. God gives us not only eternal life, but also real hope, real love, real joy, and real peace. Our Choir will praise God for those wonderful gifts. I pray that we all are able to experience real Christmas and thank God for the greatest gift of all.

Let's pray. Gracious God, we give you thanks for sending Jesus as the greatest gift of all. Thank you for giving us eternal life, real hope, real love, real joy, and real peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.