

Open Before Christmas

Four Gifts That Show Jesus Your Love

Showing Jesus My Love by Fulfilling the Great Commission
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Series Truth:

Society and the church have agreed that the giving of gifts is the socially acceptable way to celebrate the birth of Christ. But what gifts, and to whom should they be given, and is this what Jesus taught us? Could our current practice have more to do with our acceptance of hidden worldviews than with the clear and convincing teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? I believe so! Therefore, over the next four weeks we will endeavor to discover what gifts those who claim His name should give Jesus every day and not just at Christmas.

Series Text:

⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but **to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?** Micah 6:6-8 (ESV)

- One does j_____
- One loves with k_____
- One walks in h_____

¹⁶ **Then the eleven disciples went** to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**" ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And **surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**" Matthew 28:16-20

1. First we see o_____

2. Notice there is not u_____

3. Jesus' p_____

4. G_____!

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21-22

5. Make d_____

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then **he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.**

⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and **repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.** ⁴⁸ **You are witnesses of these things.** Luke 24:44-48

6. B_____ them in God's triune name

7. Teach them to o_____ e_____ I have commanded

8. What's m_____?

⁶ . . . 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 4:6 (NASB)

⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. Luke 24:49-53

⁷ He said to them, "**It is not for you to know** times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ⁸ **but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.**" Acts 1:7-8 (NASB)

Four essentials if one will give the gift of fulfilling the Great Commission to Christ:

1. A w_____ messenger

2. A certain m_____

3. A clear s_____

4. An ultimate g_____

World Evangelization

- All the world, the whole creation

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into **all the world** and preach the good news to all creation. Mark 16:15

- To all nations

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, Matthew 28:19a

⁴⁷ and **repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations,** Luke 24:47

- To the end of the earth

⁸ **but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.**" Acts 1:8 (NASB)

- To the end of the age

²⁰ And **surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**" Matthew 28:20b