



God's Christmas Gifts For You!

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Do you remember what it was like on the weeks leading up to Christmas day? I clearly remember making up my list of toys and things I wanted Santa to bring me. A new bicycle, baseball glove and bat, along with a baseball. My sisters also had their lists that they had as well.



Here is a picture of me and my sisters. From left to right is Susan, Me, and Judi. I know, I was a very cute and good looking boy. I still am! My mom did all she could to see that we had some of the best Christmas memories that we have carried with us throughout our lives! We have also tried to make Christmas mornings very special for our children like our mother did

for us! There is one other sibling who was born 10 years after my little sister Susan. His name is Don and he is our wonderful younger brother.

When Christmas day arrived we went to bed early on Christmas eve and usually my sister's would wake me up when it was still dark outside. Getting up at 5AM and trying to wake our parents up so we could open our gifts under the tree was always quite the task as they

were up late wrapping gifts and putting together things that had to be put together the night before.

I once heard that there are 3 stages to our lives in relation to Christmas and Santa Claus. Stage One - You believe in Santa Claus. Stage Two - You are Santa Claus. Stage Three - You look like Santa Claus.

Is it just me or do you agree that people have an impression that God looks something like Santa Claus. He looks old, balding with a large white beard. People also see Him as someone who fulfill's our wishlist and do not realize that when God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, He gave us several gifts of which many are unaware.

Here is a list of the **Gifts Received At Christ's Expense in various Bible Translations**. All of the gifts I will list here were given by **GRACE** and must be received by us through **FAITH**.

Jesus Christ - John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **KJV**

2 Corinthians 9:15 - Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!
NLT

The Gift of Eternal Life - Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **KJV**

The Gift of Righteousness - Romans 5:17 - For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them

into right standing with Himself] **REIGN AS KINGS IN LIFE** through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). **AMP**

2 Corinthians 5:21 - For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we who did not know righteousness might become the righteousness of God through our union with him. **TPT**

The Gift of the Holy Spirit - **Acts 2:38-39** - Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39. *For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.*” **NKJV**

The Gift of Healing & Health - **1 Peter 2:24** - who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— by whose stripes you were healed. **NKJV**

3 John 1:2 - Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers. **AMP**

Mark 5:34 - Then Jesus said to her, “Daughter, because you dared to believe, your faith has healed you. Go with peace in your heart, and be free from your suffering!” **TPT**

Acts 10:38 - how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. **NIV**

Psalms 107:20 - God spoke the words “Be healed,” and we were healed, delivered from death’s door! TPT (He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions. NKJV).

The Gift of Prosperity and Wealth - **Psalm 35:27 -** Let those who favor my righteous cause and have pleasure in my uprightness shout for joy and be glad and say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, Who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant. AMP

2 Corinthians 8:9 - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. NKJV

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” NKJV

3 John 1:2 - Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. NKJV

The Gifts of Ministry - **Ephesians 4:11 -** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, NKJV

Romans 12:6-8 - Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

7. or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

8. he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. NKJV

1 Corinthians 12:27-28 - Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

28. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. NKJV

The Supernatural Gifts of the Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 - 8. For example: The Spirit gives to one the gift of the word of wisdom. To another, the same Spirit gives the gift of the word of revelation knowledge.

9. And to another, the same Spirit gives the gift of faith. And to another, the same Spirit gives gifts of healing.

10. And to another the power to work miracles. And to another the gift of prophecy. And to another the gift to discern what the Spirit is speaking. And to another the gift of speaking different kinds of tongues. And to another the gift of interpretation of tongues. TPT

This is certainly NOT a complete list. There are many other things that I could list here as gifts that were given to every believer in Christ. These are some of the gifts given as a result of the Tree that Jesus Christ was crucified upon. ***These are some of God's Christmas Gifts To You!***