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SERMON NOTES

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Scripture text : The Perfect Gift

The real Father of Christmas is **God in Heaven who gave His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- James 1:17 = “Every good gift and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”
- 2 Cor 7-9 = Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all time, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:
“He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”
Luke 6:8 = “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

The 3 Perfect Gifts:

1. **God gave us His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and He died for all our sins. He is our Redeemer and He is the one & only thing that we ever needed**
 - John 3:16 = “For God so loved the world that he gave his only one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
 - Rom. 8:32 = “He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will He not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”
 - John 10:10 = Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they have life, and life abundantly.”
2. **The Gift of the Holy Spirit, a gift that encompasses everything you need in life**
 - Luke 3:3-6
 - Isa. 40:3-5
 - Luke 4:18-19 = “The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach the

good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and the recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”

- When you pray in the Holy Spirit it **edifies, empowers, strengthens, comforts & encourages you & the people around you.**
- Acts 1: 5-9
- Rom. 12:6-8

3. God’s gift is eternal (salvation of the soul) and is in accordance to His Will

- 2 Peter 3:9 = “... that none should perish but everyone to come to repentance.”
- Psalm 103 : 2-5 = “Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s”
- Our God is Jehovah Tsidkenu, my Righteousness, Jehovah Shalom, my Peace, Jehovah Shammah, my Present God Jehovah Raphe, my Healer, Jehovah Jireh, my Provider, Jehovah Rohi, my Banner and Jehovah Nissi, my Banner.
- 1 Peter 2:24 = “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live in righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”
- Psalm 1: 1-3 = “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever he does, prospers.”