

Lesson Notes:

**The Greatest Gift of All** – When we were children many of us couldn't sleep on Christmas Eve as we anticipated the toys and gifts that would await us under the Christmas tree. My parents reminded me that these "gifts" represented the Greatest Gift of All which is the Gift of God, Jesus who brought Salvation to the whole world. I did not fully comprehend the wonder of this Gift until I was a young man. Below are Scriptural Principles about this wonderful gift for which we celebrate at Christmas:

### **Scriptural Principles**

- 1) **This Gift was so Great that it would be announced to Mary by the Angel Gabriel.** – In **Luke 1:26-38** we read that Christ's conception was announced to Mary by the Angel Gabriel signifying his deity.
- 2) **This Gift was so Great that it was recognized by the unborn.** – In **Luke 1:39-45** we read that John the Baptist (while still unborn in his mother's womb) was so excited about the Gift of God that he leaped for joy. How can anyone morally justify the killing of the unborn?!
- 3) **This gift was wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger (feed trough).** – Most Christmas gifts are wrapped in decorative paper with a beautiful bow. How ironic in **Luke 2:6-7** we find that the Greatest Gift of All was wrapped in what amounted to rags and placed in a borrowed manger which is a feeding trough for livestock.
- 4) **This Gift was so Great it was announced to the World through an Angel and it caused the Angels in Heaven to sing.** – In **Luke 2:8-14** we further see the deity of Christ as he was announced to the World by Angels singing praises to his glorious name.
- 5) **This is the only Gift that brings Salvation.** – In **John 3:16-17; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9** we find that Christ is the gift of eternal life.
- 6) **How to receive the Greatest Gift** – **Romans 10:9** tells us that if we believe in Jesus in our hearts and confess him with our lips we have received this wonderful gift.
- 7) **This Gift is a Gift for All** – In **John 6:37** and **John 1:12** we find that this Gift is intended for all.
- 8) **This Gift is a Gift that Keeps on Giving** -- In **John 14:16-17** we find that when we accept Christ into our Life the Holy Spirit is given to us to help guide us in our daily walk with Christ.

- 9) **This Gift Brings us to Eternal Life** – Paul tells us in **Romans 8:11** This is the only gift that can bring us to everlasting peace and life.