

Christmas Eve 2009

The Gift of Jesus

I. Introduction

II. Why Did Jesus Come to Earth?

A. Jesus came to ease the misconceptions about God.

1. John 18:37 (NCV) *"This is why I was born and came into the world: to tell people the truth. And everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me."*
2. John 1:18 (NIV) *No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*
3. Luke 2:32 (NLT) *"He is a light to reveal God to the nations."*
4. John 14:9 (NIV) *"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."*

B. Jesus came to express the love of God.

1. I John 4:9-10 (NLT) *⁹God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.*

C. Jesus came to enable us to have a relationship with God.

1. Ephesians 1:5a (NLT) *God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.*
2. Romans 5:11 (NLT) *So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.*
3. Galatians 3:26 (NLT) *For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*
4. Psalm 34:18 (NAS) *The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*
5. John 8:12 (NAS) *"I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."*

III. Conclusion

Upcoming Messages:

12/26-27/2009 "What Are You Waiting For"

1/2-3/2010 "The Search For Happiness"

1/9-10/2010 "Life. Money. Hope." (Part 1)

1/16-17/2010 "Life. Money. Hope." (Part 2)

1/23-24/2010 "Life. Money. Hope." (Part 3)