

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Independent, Dispensational, Evangelistic, Missionary

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I hope this Christmas will be a memorable one for you, in time to come. Yes, Christmas is a time for showing love and giving that which we hope will bring happiness to others. God did that for us; let's consider the gift of God here this morning. That is one gift that never gets old (or at least it shouldn't).

- It also is a gift that keeps on giving.

It gives peace of mind in times of bewilderment. It gives you happiness when hear of another person's salvation. It brings real comfort knowing of others that have made it to the eternal fields of bliss and light.

- It brings great joy to Jesus when someone receives His gift by faith.

I recently heard a testimony of a close friend on Unshackled and my heart was stirred with emotion and gladness. As a matter of fact, hearing the testimony of people we don't personally know gives us a sense of wonder at God's lovingkindness and mercy.

- There is a spiritual connection with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It brings us into a forever family. We are accepted in the beloved. (Eph. 1)

It connects us to His body – (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 12; Eph. 5).

It develops a connection with our soul and spirit. Now our soul is connected with a regenerated spirit. That connection affects the conscience connects the emotions and I believe the physical body too is affected. It definitely is when a person gives up imbibing of harmful substances. I am talking about alcohol, drugs, tobacco and fleshly entertainment.

That gospel also disconnects us from the body of sins - (Col. 2 spiritual circumcision of the body of sins in the flesh). That usually results in a disconnection with evil communications. It gives us liberty to live on a spiritual plane. Once again we are talking about the gift that keeps on giving.

It gives us access to the throne of grace where we can find mercy to help.

It gives us a spirit of assurance in faith.

It gives us a deeper degree of love.

It gives us opportunity to glorify God with eternal dividends. Invest the gospel in the lives of others.

God's salvation gives us strength and courage so we don't faint. ... though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 4)

God's salvation gives us the ability to look at the things which are not seen – you know the things which are eternal. Can you see things far off?

I think it gives us the ability to enjoy life to a richer measure as stated by Solomon.

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Ecclesiastes 3:13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, **it is the gift of God.**



### **“THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST”**

Mt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Lk 2:5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Lk 2:6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

Lk 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

1. Persons Present
2. Place Prepared
3. Prophecies Pertaining
4. Proposed Purpose
5. Prevailing Perplexity

No 5:00 p.m. service tonight

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Fellowship Dinner (end of the year testimonies)

Missionary of the week: Mooberry – Brazil