

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**  
*The Christmas Story- Part 1*  
December 11, 2011  
**Luke 2: 8-16, Matthew 2:1-2**

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7 (NIV)*

**SEEK CHRIST AND YOU WILL FIND...**

**1. GIFT #1: FORGIVENESS.**

*“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11 (NIV)*

*“He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in Him will have their sins forgiven through His name.” Acts 10:43 (NLT)*

**2. GIFT #2: PEACE.**

*“Those who love Your laws have great peace of heart and mind and do not stumble.” Psalm 119:165 (LB)*

**PEACE ROBBERS**

■ **GUILT**

*“But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.” 1 John 1:9 (NLT)*

■ **GRIEF**

*“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those who are crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18 (NLT)*

■ **GRUDGES**

*“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29 (NIV)*

**3. GIFT #3: ETERNAL LIFE.**

*“This Good News tells us that God makes us ready for heaven--makes us right in God's sight--when we put our faith and trust in Christ to save us. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scripture says it, ‘The man who finds life will find it through trusting God.’” Romans 1:17 (LB)*

*“And we know that the Son of God has come, and He has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we are in God because we are in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and He is eternal life.” I John 5:20 (NLT)*

*“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.”  
Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV).*