

## THE BEST GIFT

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It's almost Christmas Day! I realize we don't have the exact day of Christ's birth. However, it's good to remember His birth so setting a date for such a glorious event is good. We celebrate our own births and many times we throw elaborate parties on the occasion. So why not have a day where all commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ!

The birth of Christ is the best gift ever given to mankind. Emmanuel (God with us) dwelling among His people and providing the world at that time an opportunity to see how God loves us on a day to day basis is beyond anything known to man. The earth received her King and it was a glorious day in the whole universe. It puzzled the angels that God cares about man so much He would go to such great lengths to reinforce in our hearts that He really loves mankind. He came knowing He would die to seal the deal on our behalf to have a personal relationship with the Lord.

I wish the commercialization of Christ's birth didn't exist. I believe the ruler of the kingdom of darkness, Satan, introduced that plan to de-emphasize the importance of the real gift of Christ being born. Satan doesn't want man to appreciate the value of this gift as it might lead many more to give their lives to Jesus. We can give each other gifts all year long and not just at Christmas. As a matter of fact, it may be a truer act of love if we did that for one another just because we love each other. Then when the day set aside to remember the Lord's birth comes we will want to bring a gift to Him like the three wise men did. I would recommend we should give Him the gift of our lives as we present our bodies as a living sacrifice daily. He gave us the best gift when He was born and died for our sins. Don't you think it's time we give our best gift to Him?



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