

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES
"THE GREATEST GIFT"
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THE GREATEST GIFT WE WILL EVER RECEIVE IS JESUS CHRIST

John 3:16-17 (ESV) ¹⁶ *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* ¹⁷ *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) ¹⁰ *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."* ¹¹ *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

WHEN I ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT OF JESUS

1. GOD GIVES ME A NEW IDENTITY

➤ **WHEN YOU BASE YOUR IDENTITY ON WHAT CAN BE LOST,
YOU WILL LOSE YOUR IDENTITY**

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (NIV) ¹⁶ *From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.* ¹⁷ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2. GOD GIVES ME A NEW ABILITY

John 14:12-16 (NIV) ¹² *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father."* ¹³ *Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* ¹⁴ *If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.* ¹⁵ *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."* ¹⁶ *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,*

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A GIFT TO US, TO DO IN US
WHAT WE CANNOT DO IN OURSELVES**

Philippians 2:13 (NIV) *for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

3. GOD GIVES ME A NEW FAMILY

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT) *Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.* ⁵ *God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*

4. GOD GIVES ME A NEW DESTINY

1 Peter 1:3-5 (NIV) *According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,* ⁴ *to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,* ⁵ *who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

**WHEN YOU HAVE THE CERTAINTY OF A FUTURE
WITH GOD, YOU CAN FACE THE UNCERTAINTIES OF
TODAY WITH COURAGE AND HOPE!**

Matthew 4:16 (NIV) *the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."*

WITHOUT JESUS, THERE IS NO BRIGHT FUTURE!

Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV) *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,* ¹⁷ *so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,* ¹⁸ *may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,* ¹⁹ *and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*