

From Heaven to Earth: The Story of Christ's Coming

Unwrapping the Gift

JOHN 1:1–5, 10, 11, 12, 14; 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15



The Heart of the Matter

When was the last time you gave a gift to a loved one expecting a payment in return? Probably never, because if you receive payment for a gift, it ceases to be a gift!

A gift is something we give voluntarily to another person without expecting compensation. People give Christmas gifts to show their love. They find out what would make their friends or family members happy and take time to shop for the right presents. And the smiles on their loved ones' faces makes the effort and money spent worth it!

Likewise, God's gift of salvation has been freely given. We can't earn it, and He doesn't expect a payment for it. God wrapped His indescribable gift with eternity, equality, deity, and humility. Open it today!



Discovering the Way

1. How Was God's Gift Wrapped? (John 1:1–3, 14; 2 Corinthians 9:15)

Before time and matter existed, God planned the first Christmas gift—Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is eternal, equal with God, and came to earth in humility.

2. How Was God's Gift Received? (John 1:10–12)

When Jesus Christ started His ministry, many of His own people rejected Him.

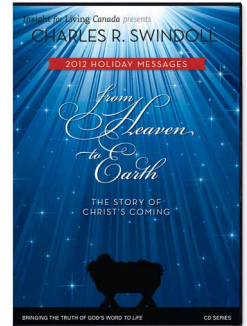


Starting Your Journey

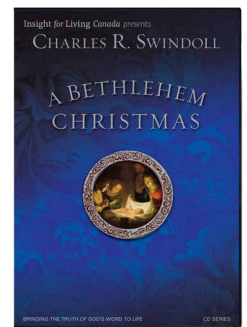
Take some time to reflect on Jesus Christ, the God-Man, and His humble entrance into human history. And share God's indescribable gift with others this Christmas.



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