

Christmas is...

#2 "THE GIFT OF GOD'S PRESENCE"

1. God's presence is _____.

Exodus 33:12-15 (NIV) Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."

Psalms 51:10-11 (NIV) Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

God's presence:

- Gives us _____.

1 John 1:3 (NLT) We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

- Gives us _____.

Exodus 13:21 (NIV) By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

- Gives us _____.

Psalms 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- Brings us _____ and _____.

2 Samuel 6:11 (NIV) The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

- _____ battles.

Deuteronomy 20:4 (NIV) For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.

- Brings us _____.

Psalm 16:11 (NIV) You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

- _____ us.

Job 42:10 (NIV) After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.

2. God's presence is _____.

Psalm 139:7 (NIV) Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV) But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Isaiah 53:6 (NIV) We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Matthew 1:21 (NIV) She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

John 1:12 (NIV) Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

3. God's presence is _____.

Matthew 1:23 (NIV) The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him "Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

John 14:15-20 (NIV) If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.