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Series: The Christmas You've Always Wanted
Message #1: "God's Christmas Gift to You"
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 **Luke 2:10-11, 14**

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord...."Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

This Christmas...

1. Accept God's Gift of _____.

"... I bring you the most joyful news ever announced" (Luke 2:10b)

Jesus says: "I came to give life—life in all its fullness." (John 10:10)

2. Accept God's Gift of _____.

"... Today your Savior was born!" (Luke 2:11 a)

"God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it." (Jn 3:17 LB)

3. Accept God's Gift of _____.

"... Let there be peace among the people." (Luke 2:14b)

"God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18)

"Thanks be to God for his gift that is too wonderful for words." (2 Cor. 9:15)

Simple suggestions:

1. Make a deliberate effort to reduce the holiday pressures.
2. Be more alert to the needs of others who are lonely, discouraged or in need.
3. Give special consideration to what you are teaching children at Christmas.
4. All of us must actively draw near to God at Christmas time.