

Two Days After Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All (John 3:16)

- The incarnation is the greatest gift of all gifts that we could ever receive
- The birth of Christ should bring all of us to a place of utter wonder and praise

☞ **Matthew 1:21-23**

- The message of the incarnation is often drowned out by a hedonistic culture

✦ **Hymn:** *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*- 2nd Stanza

I. God is the Source of the Sinner's greatest Gift: For God so loved the world

☞ Man's desperate condition: **Ps 14:2; Rom 3:10-11; 6:3; 8:7**

☞ God's answer: **Rom 5:8; 1 John 4:9,10**; love before time: **Eph 1:4,5**

✦ **Hymn:** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*...4th stanza

II. What did this Free Gift cost God? He gave His only begotten Son

- The second person of the Trinity was given up, God's Son given up to death

☞ The highest ransom ever paid: **John 15:13; Rom 5:6; Rev 13:8**

- God reveals: that Christ was slain from before the foundation of the world

✦ **Hymn:** *Hark! the Herald Angel Sing*...3rd stanza

III. To Whom Does God offer this great Gift? To undeserving sinners

- Only the Eternal Son could take away the sinner's offence of an eternal God
- Jesus is the friend of sinners, He came to die for those who are utterly helpless

☞ Not for the self righteous: **1 John 4:10**

✦ **Hymn:** *Come, Come, Come To The Manger*...stanza 2

IV. What Kind of Sinners Receive this Great God? Whoever shall believe

- God does not love sin: God will not clear the guilty that pursue their sin.
- Those who perish, perish because they will not receive His Son, His very love

☞ God's love is for all who will receive it: **Matthew 8:11**

✦ **Hymn:** *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*...stanza 3

- Here there is no Jew, no Greek, no Scythian nor free...we are all one in Christ

V. What makes this Great gift of God Truly Great? Shall inherit Eternal life

- Those who believe in Jesus, though they die physically shall never perish

☞ Look upon the Son and believe shall never perish: **John 6: 40**

✦ **Hymn:** *Once In Royal David's City*...stanza 4&5