

What Do You Want for Christmas?
The Four Gifts (Part 2)
Romans 1:16-23; 2:1-3

“Christ is a more wonderful person than anyone else on earth. He is wiser, more kind, more loving, more patient, more interesting, and stronger than anyone else we enjoy spending time with. Christ is more glorious, more breathtaking, more satisfying, and more refreshing than any experience I could ever have on earth. If this is true, what keeps me from seeing Him and knowing Him in this way?”

“Our battle to make Christmas all about Jesus, is just like every other day in the Christian life in America, it is to lay aside all of the commercialism, consumerism, covetousness, worldliness, emotionalism, and our worship of family and experiences, and set our eyes on our glorious Savior.”

- **What is my problem????**
 - Naturally, I judge people for their sin while ignoring the severity of my own sinning (Romans 2:1).
 - Naturally, I take for granted the patience and kindness of God, and instead of repenting, I believe I'm self-righteous (Romans 2:4).
 - Naturally, I give approval to sinning that doesn't affect me negatively. I have no natural allegiance to the truth (Romans 1:32).
 - Naturally, I love to suppress all of God's revelation. His natural revelation and His special revelation (Romans 1:18).
 - Naturally, I don't want to give God praise or glory for anything unless it personally benefits me (Romans 1:21).
 - Naturally, I want to reject God's right to rule and reign over every aspect of my life (Romans 1:20).
- **Things that are true about every person on the planet....**
 - What can be known about God through natural revelation is clear or plain to everyone (Romans 1:19).
 - That God has created everything and is worthy of our worship (Romans 1:21-23).
 - That every person is under the judgment of God for their sins (Romans 1:32).
 - That God's judgment is a righteous judgment (Romans 2:2).
- **What Quiets or Suppresses the Truth in our Lives?**
 - Our Ungodliness: Worshiping something or someone other than God (Romans 1:18).
 - Our Unrighteousness: Disobeying God and choosing my sin over God (Romans 1:18).
 - My rejection of what God has clearly said or how God has clearly revealed Himself (Romans 1:25).
 - My passivity towards my sin and the sin of others; a fearlessness towards disobedience to God (Romans 1:32).
 - My self-righteousness and hypocrisy in judging others more harshly than I judge myself (Romans 2:1-3).

Worship: Joy to the World — Various Artists

Grace Alone — The Modern Post

Before the Throne of God Above — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: I Stand Amazed — Various Artists

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Account Balance: \$31,415.29 October Balance: \$31,365.49	Weekly Budget: \$3,463
Total Giving: November 5	\$4,665.00
Total Giving: November 12	\$3,550.00
Total Giving: November 19	\$1,705.00
Total Giving: November 26	\$1,845.00

Announcements:

★**SERVICE TIME CHANGE & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT!!** In TWO WEEKS, on Sunday, December 24th, we will be transitioning to our morning worship service time! This will be our Christmas Eve service, at 10:30am. *We will NOT be having an evening service on Christmas Eve!* Christmas Eve is a great opportunity to invite friends, relatives, and co-workers to join you for church.

*A note to all parents: There will be NO Children's Ministry for the Christmas Eve service. Please know that you are welcome to use the Flex Room at the back of the sanctuary if at any point you need to remove your child from our gathering. One parent must be in the Flex Room with their child at all times.

★**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** Our annual New Year's Eve Party will be on Sunday, December 31st, at Andy Wesley's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). The festivities will start at 6pm and last until midnight! Please plan on joining us for a fun night of games and food and fellowship!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We are having a short Members' Meeting TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. This meeting is to present the 2024 budget and to give the members a couple of updates. If you are a current church member, please plan to stay for this meeting!

★**LEGACY THEOLOGY PRACTICUM:** In 4 weeks from tomorrow, starting on January 8 through March 11, 2024, we will be offering a 10-week course on "**Church History**" on Mondays from 6-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the birth of the Church in Acts 2 in 30AD up to our present time of 2023. Our Christian heritage is filled to the brim with fascinating figures whose lives we can learn from. Church history also records the teaching, movements, and mistakes of Christians who held to the truth of the Word and sought to reflect the invisible God. For the past two-thousand years of our history, Christians have wrestled with Scripture. The stories of Polycarp, Athanasius, Irenaeus, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, and John Wesley (just to name a few) help us to persevere in our faith during tough times and inspire us to live our lives in full for God's glory. We will study the major disputes of Heresy, such as the Council of Nicaea, that condemned Arianism in 325, the Council of Carthage that denounced Pelagianism in 418, and the Council of Chalcedon that rejected Eutychianism in 451. We also will study when Churches and Denominations begin. Please see the back of your sermon notes for more information about this course. Let Elder Richard know if you may be interested in this course so we can prepare a Syllabus for you. [(419)651-0053]

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, December 17th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us.