

## Will You Give Or Receive A Gift?

Christians who respect the authority of Christ know that God did not ask for the birth of Christ to be commemorated. However, it can be a special secular holiday with exchanging gifts and spending time with family.

If you give a gift this season, what will it be? Will it be a gift of great importance or will it be a trinket? It will probably be the latter. Nice gifts are just that: nice. But a gift of great importance is the “gift of the Holy Ghost” spoken of in Acts 2:38. That “gift” is salvation. It is the same as the “gift of God” in Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (cp. John 4:10; Ephesians 2:8). Now you do not give this gift, but you can receive it.

Most denominations say that all one has to do to receive this gift is believe and say the “sinners prayer,” but this is false and all who believe it will find themselves weighed and wanting on the day of judgment. The Bible says you have to believe (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6), repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30), confess Jesus as the Son of God (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10) and be baptized (John 3:5; Acts 22:16).

If you receive a gift this season, why not “receive” the best gift of all: salvation. This gift is not given by mere faith. Do not fall for that false doctrine! All you need to do is simply follow the commands that are listed above. We give gifts to the ones we love. God is no different. He loves us and gave His Son for our sins (John 3:16; Ephesians 5:2). If we love God, we will reciprocate and follow His commands (John 14:15). Why not secure for yourself the finest gift?

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