***The Christ of Christmas Series "God's Gift To You" December 23, 2018***

*Four benefits of accepting God's Gift to you:*

1. Your Loneliness Will Be Limited

*God:* “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you”. **Hebrews 13:5**

*“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,  
surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”* **Isaiah 41:10**

*“In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety.”* **Psalm 4:8**

“*Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You*.*”* **Psalm 16:11**

2. You Get A Second Chance

*“But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.”* **1 Corinthians 1:30**

"*For the wages of sin is death*" **Romans 6:23**

*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”* **2 Corinthians 5:17**

3. You Find Out Who You Really Are­­

*“we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.”* **Ephesians 1:11**

*“The Lord has made everything for His own purpose”* **Proverbs 16:4**

*“a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all”* **Colossians 3:11**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you”*

**1 Peter 1:3+4**

*"and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."* **Romans 6:13**

4. You'll Have The Strength To Keep Going

*“be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”*.**2 Timothy 2:1**

*“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you.”* **Isaiah 43:2**