

COGA NEWS



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THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

In a world filled with materialism and fleeting pleasures, the concept of a gift that transcends time and space, offering eternal and transformative joy, seems almost too good to be true. However, for millions of people around the world, the gift of Jesus Christ is precisely that—a profound and enduring source of hope, love, and salvation.

THE GIFT OF REDEMPTION:

At the heart of Christianity lies the belief in Jesus as the ultimate gift of redemption. His life, teachings, crucifixion, and resurrection are seen as the means through which humanity can be reconciled with God. The Bible describes Jesus as the sacrificial lamb, taking upon himself the sins of the world. This act of divine love and sacrifice offers believers forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.



THE GIFT OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE:

Central to the Christian faith is the understanding of Jesus as the embodiment of God's unconditional love for humanity. His teachings emphasize love for one another, compassion, and forgiveness. John 3:16 succinctly captures this



this sentiment: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" The enduring nature of Jesus' love provides believers with comfort and a model for how to love others selflessly.

THE GIFT OF GUIDANCE:

For those navigating the complexities of life, Jesus is often viewed as a guiding light. His teachings, parables, and moral principles serve as a timeless compass, offering wisdom and ethical direction. The Sermon on the Mount, found in the Gospel of Matthew, outlines a set of teachings that continue to inspire individuals to live with humility, kindness, and righteousness. The gift of Jesus' guidance provides believers with a moral framework that transcends cultural and temporary boundaries.



THE GIFT OF COMFORT AND HEALING:

In times of sorrow, pain, and loss, many turn to Jesus as a source of comfort and healing. The Gospels recount numerous instances of Jesus showing compassion to the sick, the marginalized, and the broken-hearted. The promise



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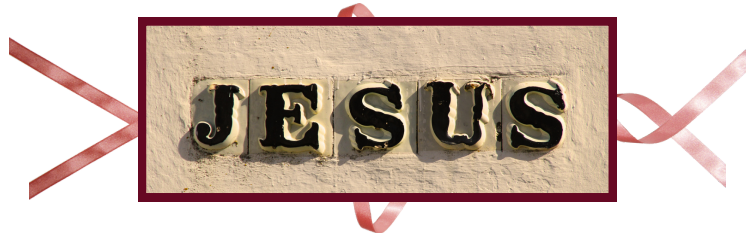
of Jesus' presence in times of trouble serves as a comforting assurance for believers facing life's inevitable challenges. The gift of spiritual solace extends beyond temporary circumstances, offering a profound sense of peace.

THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE:

Perhaps the most profound aspect of Jesus as a gift is the assurance of eternal life. The Resurrection, celebrated by Christians around the world, signifies victory over death and the promise of life beyond the earthly realm. This transformative gift provides believers with hope and a perspective that transcends the limitations of mortal existence.



In a world often preoccupied with material acquisitions and transient pleasures, the gift of Jesus stands as a timeless and incomparable treasure. As the embodiment of love, redemption, guidance, comfort, and the promise of eternal life, Jesus continues to be the gift that keeps on giving. For those who embrace this divine present, the impact is not only felt in the present moment but echoes throughout eternity.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 17th > Sothern District Christmas Program
- 31st > Watch Night Service

JANUARY

- 1st > Happy New Year!
- 2nd > Begin 21 Day Daniel's Fast

Find more information on www.cogainc.org



A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- December: When you realize you haven't started half the things you promised yourself you'd finish this year. Procrastinators, unite... next year!"
- "Trying to get through December without gaining weight is like trying to wrap a present without tape – nearly impossible."
- "December: The month where my daily exercise routine consists of jumping to conclusions and running late."
- "December: The month where I attempt to fit an entire year's worth of relaxation into two weeks of vacation."
- "December is the month where I check my list twice: Once for gifts, and again to make sure I didn't forget to treat myself."

