

## CHRISTMAS GIVING

### I. Gifts given to JESUS

#### A. From the WISE MEN (Matt. 2:7-11)

1. GOLD—symbolic of ROYALTY
2. FRANKINCENSE—symbolic of WORSHIP
3. MYRRH—symbolic of SACRIFICE

#### B. From JOSEPH and MARY

1. Joseph gave his REPUTATION to provide for Jesus a HOME (Matt. 1:24; cf. Phil. 2:10)
2. Mary gave her REPUTATION to provide for Jesus a MOTHER (Luke 1:30-38)

#### C. From the FATHER

1. The THRONE of DAVID (Luke 1:32; Isa. 9:7)
2. A “FLOCK” of FOLLOWERS (John 10:27-29; cf. 6:37; 17:6; 18:9)

### II. Gifts to the WORLD

#### A. A “HORN of salvation,” meaning a POWERFUL SAVIOR (Luke 1:67-69)

#### B. A LIGHT to those in DARKNESS (Luke 1:79; cf. John 1:4-5; 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7)

- C. Knowledge of SALVATION by FORGIVENESS of sins (Luke 1:77; cf. Rom. 6:23; Heb. 9:23-28)
- D. A sign in the VIRGIN BIRTH (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25)
- E. God's SON to be our REDEEMER (John 3:16)
- F. Salvation by GRACE as a FREE GIFT (Eph. 2:8-10)

III. Conclusion—What will you GIVE HIM?

- A. FAITH
- B. OBEDIENCE
- C. LOVE
- D. LIFE