GOD’S PERSONAL CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

Christmas is a time for giving gifts . . . and receiving gifts. Think about that Christmas gift you received. What did you do to get it? You didn’t earn it. You didn’t necessarily deserve it. All you had to do on Christmas morning to make it yours was to unwrap it and receive it. After all, it was freely given by someone who loves you.

The Bible says, “The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23 KJV). Heaven! It can’t be earned. It can’t be bought. It, too, is undeserved. It is God’s gift to you from Someone who loves you very much. And all you have to do to make it your own is receive it . . . by faith.

The message of Christ is not confined to December and does not end in the cradle. It continues to the cross, where Christ took your sin in His own body and paid your sin debt in full. He was buried and rose again on the third day. But this is not all. After the cradle and the cross comes the crown. He is coming back, no longer as a suffering servant, but as the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords.
After journeying through *The Christmas Code*, perhaps you feel like poet Christina Georgina Rossetti, who long ago asked:

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?*
*If I were a shepherd, I would give Him a lamb.*
*If I were a wise man, I would do my part;*
*What can I give Him?*
*I know. I will give Him my heart.*

You can do that this very moment by accepting His Christmas gift to you, eternal life. If that is the desire of your heart, tell Him. While a prayer cannot save you, Jesus can. Allow this prayer to express the desire of your heart:

*Dear Lord,*

*Thank You for coming to Bethlehem and clothing Yourself in flesh . . . for me. Thank You for dying on the cross . . . for me. I receive Your free gift of eternal life by faith right now. Forgive me of my sin. I open the door to my heart to You. Come in today . . . come in to stay. I accept Your free and gracious offer of forgiveness. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of eternal and abundant life and for coming to take up residency in my heart right now.*

*In Jesus’ name, amen.*
You have just begun the great adventure for which you were created, to know Christ, whom to know is life, abundant and eternal. Begin to grow now in your newfound faith. You can continue the journey you have started with *The Christmas Code* by beginning January 1 with a daily walk with Him throughout every day of the new year with *The Believer’s Code: 365 Devotions to Unlock the Blessings in God’s Word*. 