

GRACE!

Mike's annual Christmas gift ideas!!!!!!

God gifted us with grace in the birth of Jesus Christ.

1. **God's giving spared _____: He gave His _____.**

(God) did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all.

Romans 8:31

- **Christ's coming is a gift of _____ grace.** John 1:1-18
- **Christ's coming is an offer of _____ grace.**

...as many as received Him... become children of God... John 1:11-13

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son... not to judge the world, but that the world might be saved... John 3:16-19

Apply: Grace accomplishes what _____ and _____ can never do.

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Romans 8:31-33

2. **God's giving is not _____: He gives to those who do not _____.**

- God loved _____, by grace, not as a _____.
...not that we loved God, but He loved us... 1 John 4:9f.

- God's grace is _____ over the abundance of our _____.

...where sin increased, grace abounded all the more... Romans 5:20-21

Apply: Realizing the greatness of God's _____ requires _____ of the greatness of our _____.

3. **God's grace is not _____: He gives _____ "with His Son."**

- God's giving is unlimited for His children.

He did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over...

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- We are blessed with _____ in _____.
...every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

In Him we have...

Ephesians 1

- To receive everything in Christ, we must _____.

In Him was life... as many as received Him... John 1:1-17

Challenge: God is graciously offering us His greatest gift and will take our response _____.

Discussion Guide: The Gift of Grace

Opener: Share an extravagant or “over the top” gift you’ve received.

Was is the grace connection?

(Alternate share: Which item from Mike’s Christmas shopping list are you most likely to get for your loved ones? **Least likely?** Why?)

1. God’s giving spared nothing.

- List as many gifts of *common grace* as you can in 90 seconds.
- Is God’s saving grace limited? (One life-line: 402-910-2490)
- Share a time/experience when you saw grace accomplish what rules and judgment could never do.

2. God gives because He is gracious, not because we deserve it.

- How can we mimic God’s grace by giving to the undeserving? Discuss grace ways for our family, neighborhood, church and world.
- Describe a time you really saw/understood the *hyper-abundance* of God’s grace.
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3. God’s giving is not limited – He gives everything “with His Son.”

Think of ways that we may shortchange God’s grace, or make God look *miserly* to an onlooking world. What can you/we do?

Prayer Target: Hearts overflowing with God’s grace.

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...not that we loved God, but He loved us... 1 John 4:9f.
- God's grace is hyper-abundant over the abundance of our sin.
...where sin increased, grace abounded all the more...

Romans 5:20-21

Apply: Realizing the greatness of God's grace requires repenting of the greatness of our sin.

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