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Weekly Word From The Pastor

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Sunday's Message: The Perfect Gift

Scripture: Mathew 1:18-25 (Key scripture: Romans 6:23)

Responsive Reading: John 1:1-17

A Word From the Pastor

"...but the gift from God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 6:23b

The Perfect Gift

I thought of you today, my child...your wants, your wishes, your needs---and wondered what the perfect gift from me to you would be. So I unfolded the world in the palm of my hand and searched each corner therein; and could find nothing that would perfectly reflect the love that I have for you within.

I looked down the path of your life ahead, those days and nights your eyes have yet to see; to try to give you what is best for you according to what I see. I saw some lonely nights ahead, so a warm comforter would be nice; I know you'll need protection, but a guard dog would not suffice.

I saw you thirsty and maybe hungry and in need of bread. I saw you roaming in the street needing shelter and a welcoming bed. I saw you crying, needing to talk to a friend who would not lie; I saw you with questions and ponderings needing answers as the days go by.

I saw you wishing for love and turning to the wrong (wo)man; and reaching out to those who would misuse you because you thought they were your friend. On a path that appeared to be filled with hope and promise, I saw you lost; and decided I knew the perfect gift for you regardless of the cost.

For you my love the perfect gift will bring protection, comfort, provision, and a trusting friend on a lonely night; shelter, wisdom, truth, and eternal life. I wrapped my spirit in a package of flesh and blood and presented myself to you; so that you would never want for anything that my precious blood did not already provide for you.

I hope you accept this perfect gift and the matchless love therein; understanding it's been custom made especially for my beloved children. And every time you think of this eternal gift of life, know that as I searched the world, the gift of your salvation, my child, was worth the sacrifice.

May you enjoy God's precious gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord...today and always.

Love and grace...

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