

God's Gifts at Christmas
Part 2: God's Gift Exchange

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I. When we give God our WORRY, God gives us his PEACE

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34 (NIV)

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (TLB)

How? _____

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

II. When we give God our HURTS, God gives us his HEALING

"From a sea of troubles I call out to You, Lord." Psalm 130:1 (CEV)

"He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted." Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV)

"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him." Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

(Mary said) "He cares for me, His humble servant." Luke 1:48 (CEV)

How? _____

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NIV)

III. When we give God our GRIEF, God gives us his JOY

"You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy." Psalm 30:11 (NLT)

"... weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.."
Psalm 30:5 (NIV)

"You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy." John 16:20b (NIV)

How? _____

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.'" Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

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Christmas Carolling. Join us tonight at the Craighheads house (120 Kipper Lane in Cibolo) as we first do some good, old-fashioned caroling around the neighborhood.

You don't need a great singing voice, just a warm coat! Then stick around afterwards as we share Christmas stories and DESSERTS! 🎄

Hydrate (the Youth Group) has revised its schedule for December!

For the changes, go to WatersChurch.com & click on Kids & Youth, then **Hydrate**

save the date: Children's Christmas Performance
Sunday, December 21st and invite your family and friends!

Have you checked out our website lately? You can download sermons (Portable Pastor Kelly), see what's on the calendar (What's Shakin-Calendar), see pix of our 1st Bar-B-Que (What's Shakin- 1st Bar-B-Q), learn a Verse of The Week, learn more about the Waters Church, and now even check out ALL the announcements – even those that don't fit in the program on Sunday morning! (What's Shakin-Announcements). Be sure to go and take a look around!

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"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." Isaiah 55:1