The Promised King: Indescribable Gift

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2 Cor 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Jesus (the indescribable gift) came to...

1. PROCLAIM TRUTH

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us... [He] came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 18:37

Jesus answered [Pilate], "... for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth..."

JESUS IS TRUTH

John 14:6

Jesus [said], "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

THE HOLY SPIRIT <u>GUIDES US INTO ALL TRUTH</u>
John 16:13

[Jesus said] "when ... the <u>Spirit of truth</u>, comes, he <u>will guide you</u> into all truth."

• THE DEVIL IS THE FATHER OF LIES

John 8:44

[Jesus said the devil] "was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

 GOD'S WORD <u>CONVEYS TRUTH</u> & <u>MAKES US</u> HOLY

John 17:17

[Jesus said] "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

TRUTH SETS US FREE FROM THE CAPTIVITY OF <u>DECEPTION</u>, <u>SIN</u> & <u>DEATH</u>

John 8:31-32

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said... 32 "... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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2. SAVE

Matt 1:21

"[Mary] will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Isa 53:1-12 (written approximately 700 years before Christ) 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

John 3:17

[Jesus said] "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

• TRUTH & SALVATION ARE ETERNALLY LINKED WITH CHRIST

1 Tim 2:3-4

3 ... God our Savior, 4 ... wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2 Thes 2:13

... from the beginning <u>God chose you to be saved</u> through the <u>sanctifying work of the Spirit</u> and <u>through belief in the truth</u>.

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3. LOVE

John 3:16

[Jesus said] "For God so <u>loved</u> the world that he <u>gave</u> his one and only Son, <u>that</u> whoever believes in him shall not perish but have <u>eternal</u> life."

1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: <u>Jesus Christ laid down his life for us...</u>