

The background of the slide is a warm, festive photograph. In the foreground, two red Christmas ornaments with intricate white patterns are visible. Behind them, several lit candles in white holders are glowing, creating a soft, warm light. The overall scene is cozy and celebratory, typical of a Christmas dinner or program.

**Welcome to the Grace
Life Bible Church
Christmas Program and
Fellowship Dinner
2009**

A photograph of lit candles and a red heart-shaped candle holder. The background is dark, and the candles are lit, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. The heart-shaped candle holder is in the foreground, and the text is overlaid on the image.

Act 1: A Birth Foretold

Readers:

Dave Ammeraal and Sylvia Erspamer

Congregational Song:

O Come O Come Emmanuel

A still life photograph featuring several lit candles in the background, casting a warm, golden glow. In the foreground, a vibrant red rose is the central focus, resting on a light-colored surface. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel p. 72

1.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And Ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely Exile here,
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel!**



3.

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel!**



4.

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our Spirits by Thine advent here;
and drive away the Shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel!**



7.

**O come, Desire of nations, come
bind in One the hearts of all mankind;
bid Thou our sad Divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel!**

The background of the slide is a warm, festive scene. In the foreground, there are several Christmas ornaments, including a prominent red one with a white floral pattern and a gold one. In the background, several lit candles are visible, casting a soft, warm glow. The overall atmosphere is cozy and celebratory.

Act 2: A Birth Announced

Reader:

Sandra Boone

Special Music:

Mary Did You Know



Act 3: A Child Is Born

**Reader:
Paul Dibble**

**Special Music:
*O Holy Night***



Act 4: A Birth Celebrated

Reader:

Marsha Rango

Congregational Song:

Hark the Harold Angles Sin

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing p. 93

1.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”



2.

Christ, by highest heaven adored;

Christ, the everlasting Lord!

**Late in time behold Him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
hail the Incarnate Deity,**

**Please as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."**

A close-up photograph of a lit candle with a red wax seal on its base, set against a dark background. The candle is lit, and the flame is visible. The wax seal is red and has some text on it, though it is not clearly legible. The background is dark and out of focus.

3.

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

**Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in His wings.**

**Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.**

**Hark! The herald angels sings,
“Glory to the newborn King.”**

The background of the slide is a warm, festive scene. In the foreground, there are several lit candles with bright yellow flames, casting a soft glow. To the left, there are red Christmas ornaments with intricate patterns. To the right, there are gold and silver ornaments. The overall atmosphere is cozy and celebratory.

Act 5: A King Adored

**Reader:
Bud Chrysler**

**Congregational Song:
*The First Noel***

The First Noel p. 97

1.

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor Shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay Keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
No well, No well, No well, No well,
born is the King of Israel.



2.

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the
East, beyond them far, and to the earth it
Gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
No well, No well, No well, No well,
born is the King of Israel.**



3.

**And by the light of that same star three wise men
Came from country far; to seek for a king was
Their intent, and to follow the star wherever it
went.**

**No well, No well, No well, No well,
born is the King of Israel.**



4.

**Then let us all with one accord sing praises
To our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and
Earth of naught,
and with His blood mankind hath bought.
No well, No well, No well, No well,
born is the King of Israel.**

A still life photograph with a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the background, three lit candles are visible, their flames glowing brightly. In the foreground, a red Christmas ornament with intricate white and gold patterns is the central focus. To its right, a gold ring lies on a light-colored surface. The overall atmosphere is cozy and festive.

**The Message: Why Did Christ
Come to Earth?**

The Mind of Christ

- Philippians 2:5-7—what was Christ thinking?
- **Verse 6)** Jesus Christ was in the “form of God.” The word form means: 1) the form by which a person or thing strikes the vision, 2) external appearance.
- John 1:1-3—it was not robbery for Jesus to be equal with God because He was God.
- John 17:5—Jesus Christ possessed the outward glory and appearance of the Godhead in eternity past.
- **Verse 7)** Christ chose to make himself of no reputation, that is to empty himself or lay aside the form of God that He possessed in verse 6.

The Mind of Christ

- The reason Christ laid aside the form of God was so that he could take upon himself the form of a servant.
- The servant's form in this case was to be made in the likeness of men.
- John 1:14—the Word was made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ was incarnated in human flesh for the purpose of serving the will of his father.
- Nothing in this passage teaches that the Eternal Word emptied himself of either His divine nature or attributes, but only the outward and visible manifestation of the Godhead.



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The Mind of Christ

- **Verse 8)** the reason Jesus Christ was found in fashion as a man was so that he could serve the will of his father.
- The father's will was for Christ to be obedient unto death even the death of the cross.
- Matthew 26:39, 42—Jesus Christ submitted to the will of God the Father and willing went to the cross to pay the price for our sins.
- Philippians 2:7-8—notice how Christ made himself of no reputation and humbled himself and became obedient unto the death of the cross.
- Why did Christ do this?
- **HE LOVES US**

Man's Problem

- ALL MEN ARE SINNERS, AND SIN SEPERATES US FROM GOD
 - Romans 3:22
 - Ecclesiastes 7:20
- THE PENALTY FOR SIN IS DEATH
 - Romans 6:23
- THREE TYPES OF DEATH
 - Physical: Separation of soul and body.
 - Spiritual: Separation of my spirit from God's
 - Second: Eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire

People



God

Sin separates
us from
God

God's Solution

- THE CROSS IS GOD'S ONLY SOLUTION FOR MAN'S SIN
 - We are not saved by our performance but by Christ's sacrifice.
- JESUS CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR MAN'S SINS
 - Romans 5:8, 4:24-25, 6:23
 - I Corinthians 15:3-4

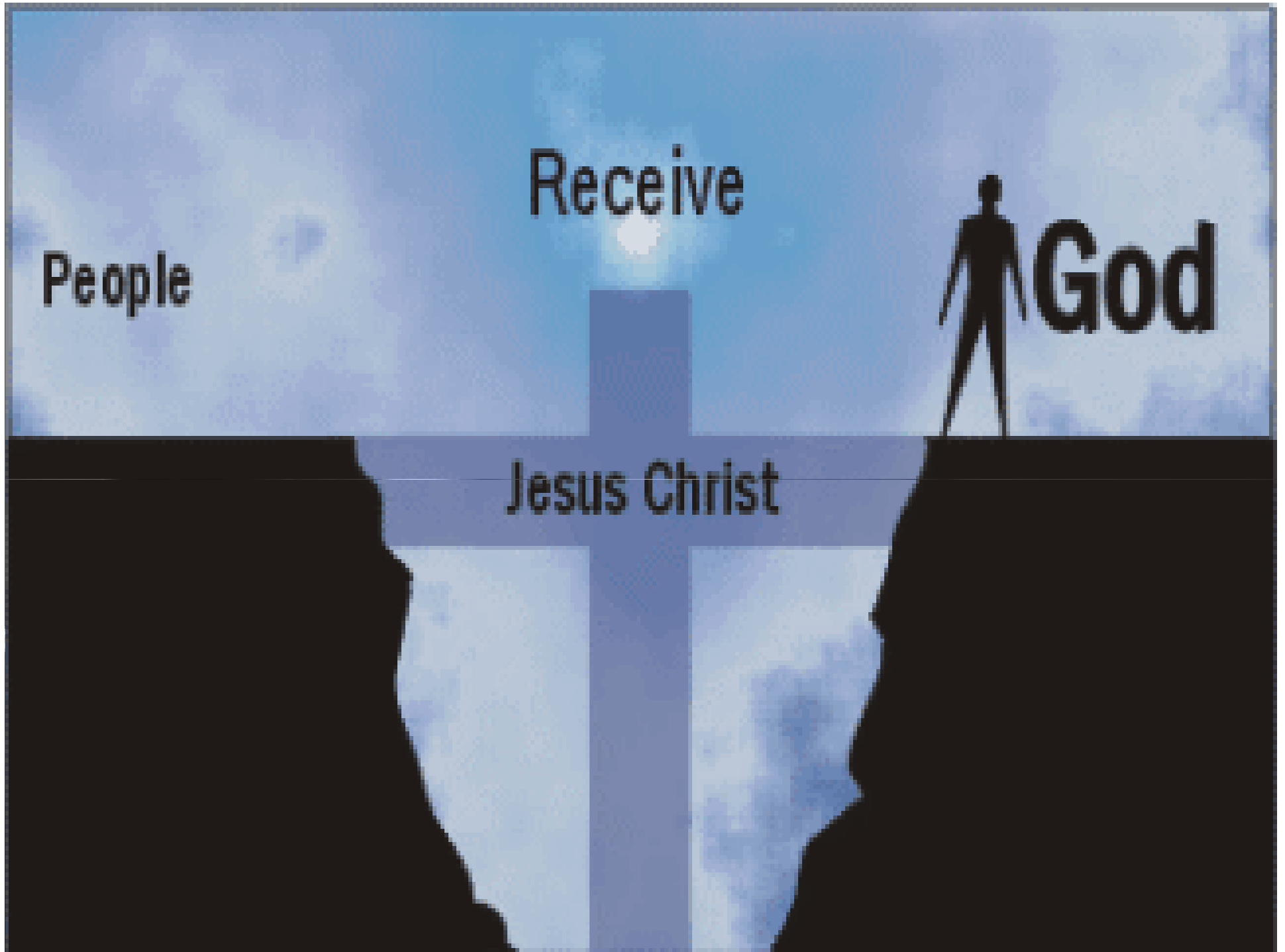
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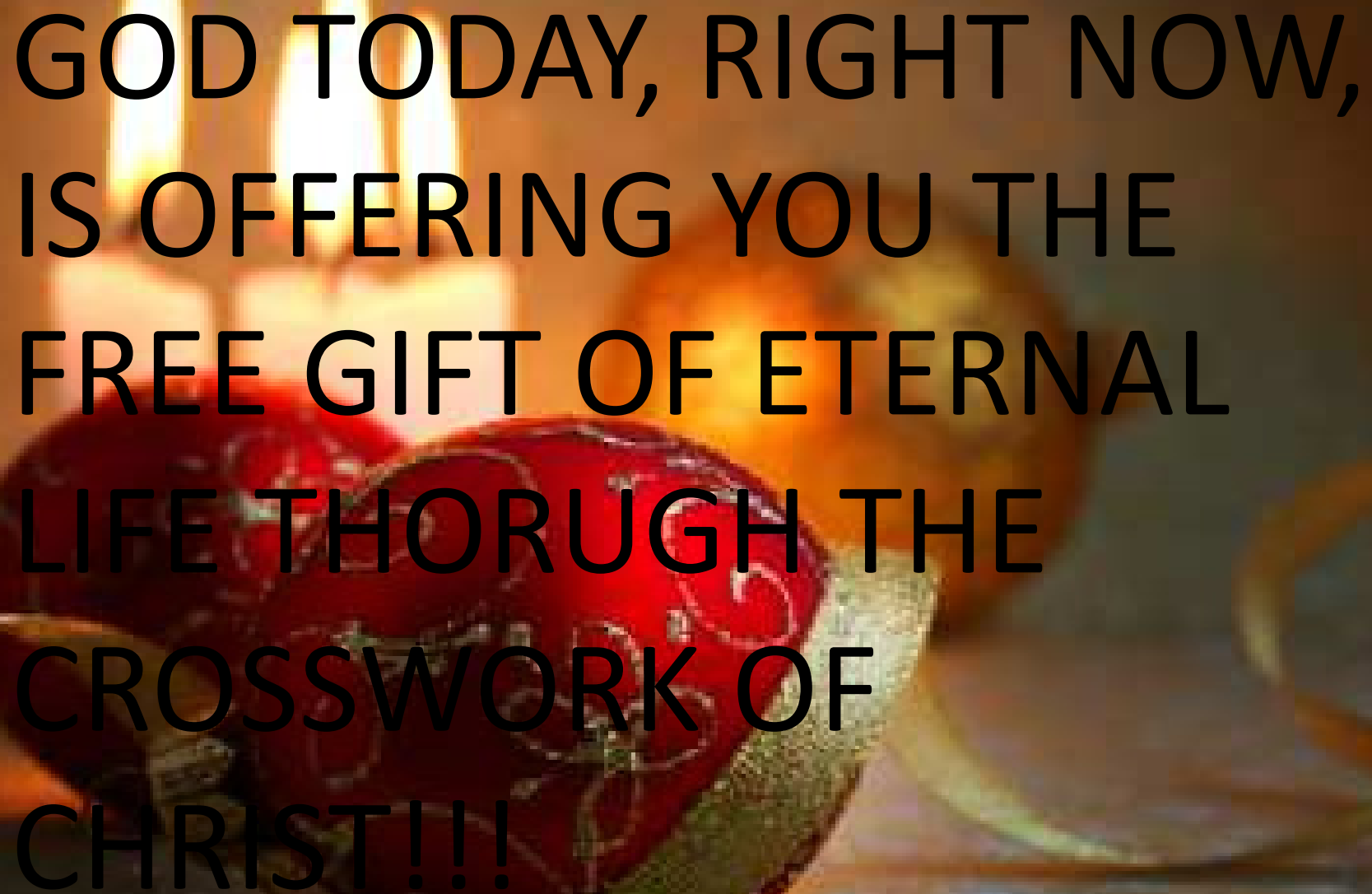
People



God

Jesus Christ



A close-up photograph of lit candles. In the foreground, a red heart-shaped candle is lit, with a bright flame. Behind it, several other candles are lit, their flames creating a warm, golden glow. The background is dark, making the light from the candles stand out. The overall mood is warm and intimate.

**GOD TODAY, RIGHT NOW,
IS OFFERING YOU THE
FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL
LIFE THOROUGH THE
CROSSWORK OF
CHRIST!!!**

- 
- Eternal Life
 - Forgiveness of Sins
 - Assurance of Salvation in this Life
 - Justification

Our Responsibility

- CLAIMING BY PERSONAL CHOICE AND RELYING EXCLUSIVELY UPON CHRIST'S WORK ON THE CROSS TO BE THE SUFFICIENT PAYMENT FOR MY SIN!!
 - Personal Choice: The Gift of eternal life is available to anyone who will claim it for his or herself.
 - Trust: Salvation is ours as we recline in or sit down in the promise of God.
- WE MUST RECEIVE THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE BY EXERCISING SAVING FAITH!!
 - Romans 4:4-5, 20-21
 - Ephesians 2:8-9

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Forgiveness Forgiveness Forgiveness

LOVE LOVE LOVE

GRACE GRACE GRACE

Holy Spirit Holy Spirit Holy Spirit

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Every good and perfect gift is from above...



Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come p. 92

1.

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and
Heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and
Heaven and nature sing.**



2.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:

Let all their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat,

Repeat the sounding joy

A photograph of lit candles in a decorative holder, with a red rose in the foreground. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the flames of the candles. The background is dark and out of focus, showing more of the candle holder and possibly other candles. The overall mood is warm and contemplative.

3.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far

As the curse is found, far as, far

As the curse is found.

A lit candle in a red, patterned holder, with a blurred background of other candles and a glass.

4.

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and
Wonders of His love, and wonders,
Wonders of His love.**