



“SOMETHING ABOUT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS”

BY LINZY BRUNO

God loves a cheerful giver, as the Apostle Paul has declared *“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”*
2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

Giving out of love for one another is of God. In our modern day western culture, we have made a practice of gift-giving for birthdays, showers, and other special occasions, but there’s something about the gifts we give and receive at Christmas time that stands out from every other occasion of gift-giving.

Furthermore, there is a similarity between birthday and Christmas presents, inasmuch as Christmas is essentially Jesus’ birthday. However, the gifts we give to one another are concentrated solely on one person, while Jesus birthday is a special occasion for the whole world.

And, therein, we derive the title of this occasion of writing.

That certain something in regard to the uniqueness of the Christmas present from all other presents is when we give Christmas gifts to one another we aren’t

celebrating an individual’s life on earth, but the salvation of all mankind, which is eternal life.

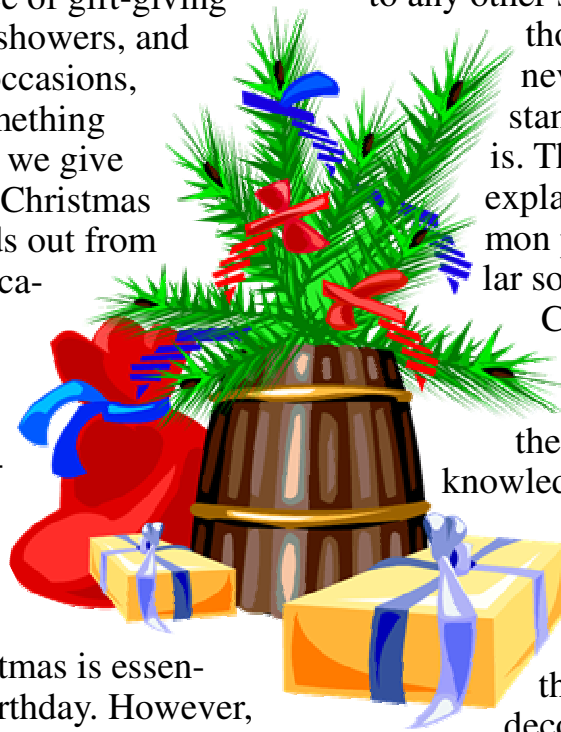
Secular society may turn Christmas into a celebration rooted in materialism and the excitement of the senses, but even in that arena, people feel that special and unique difference between the Christmas gift as compared to any other sort of gift, even

though they may never fully understand as to why that is. This could even explain why it’s common practice in secular society to give

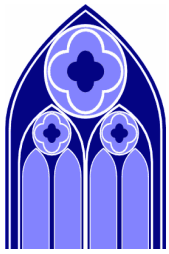
Christmas gifts in the first place considering they fail to acknowledge any sort of cause for the occasion, or the tendency they have to keep up their Christmas

decorations, particularly outdoors, all the way until spring and beyond!

This could be due to the fact that those who claim atheism and the like, feel the true meaning of the occasion deep down inside, but for some unfortunate reason do not desire to learn the Truth, possibly afraid of that revelation regarding the special and unique reason most of the world celebrates Christmas.



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Joy and Gene, Effie, Mike and Terry as well as her brother Joe and her sisters Jennifer, Nancy, and Karen, Milton and family, David and Nancy Fligor, Stan Harpole, Carol and Richard Dickson, Marcia and Richard Bittle, Harold Lee and his friends Brenda and John Olis, Noralee's friend Elizabeth, Laura Hubbard's brothers-in-law, Tommy Banks, those recently bereaved, our church, missionaries, military, and government officials throughout the world.



“Who can add to Christmas?

THE PERFECT MOTIVE IS THAT GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.

THE PERFECT GIFT IS THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.

THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS TO BELIEVE IN HIM.

THE REWARD OF FAITH IS THAT YOU SHALL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.”

-CORRIE TEN BOOM-

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: JOY & HAZEL'S HOLIDAY DUO

Joy's Divinity

3½ cups sugar

1 cup white syrup

½ cup hot water

Cook in saucepan to hardball stage. Remove from heat and cool. Pour over 3 beaten egg whites. Add 1 cup chopped

nuts. Drop onto waxed paper by teaspoonful.

Hazel's Peanut Butter Fudge

2 cups sugar

⅔ cup milk

1 cup crunchy peanut butter

1 pint jar marshmallow crème

Cook sugar and milk to soft ball stage. Add peanut butter and marshmallow creme. Stir until melted.

Pour into buttered 9" pan.



December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  1ST SUNDAY @ Advent	2  Corene McDaniel's Birthday	3	4	5	6	7
8  2ND SUNDAY @ Advent	9	10	11	12	13	14
15  3RD SUNDAY @ Advent	16  Darwin Stearns' Birthday	17	18	19	20  Sue Combs' Birthday	21 
22  4TH SUNDAY @ Advent	23	24  David Fligor's Birthday	25  Christmas Day	26	27  Marleny McDaniel's Birthday	28
29	30	31				

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