

**A BOX OF LOVE**  
**How God Says to Us: "Merry Christmas With Love!"**  
December 24 and 25, 2011

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. THE FIRST THING IN HIS BOX: THE \_\_\_\_\_**

Matthew 2:9-11

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, **they were overjoyed**...they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

God's Gift Of His:

\_\_\_\_\_ for Your Life

Jeremiah 29:13

You will **seek me and find me** when you seek me with all your heart.

Jesus Is Inviting You To:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Your Heart Up to Him!*

## II. THE SECOND THING IN HIS BOX: THE \_\_\_\_\_

God's Gift Of His:

\_\_\_\_\_ in Your Life

Colossians 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

W. D. Mills:

God cast aside the great shield of His omnipotence; He laid aside His sword of lightning with which He could cleave apart a galaxy; he took off His robe, woven of a thousand bright suns, and stepped down from His throne of stars to enter our earthly race a baby.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

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.

Jesus is Inviting You To:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Your Heart Out to Him!*

Hebrews 4:14-16 (The Message)

Now that we know what we have — Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God — let's not let it slip through our fingers. 15 We

don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all — all without sin. 16

So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give.

Take the mercy, accept the help.

## III. THE THIRD THING IN HIS BOX: THE \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:6-7

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and **placed him in a manger**, because there was no room for them in the inn.

God's Gift Of His:

\_\_\_\_\_ of Your Life

2 Corinthians 3:18 (The Message)

So **we are transformed** to be much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like Him.

Jesus Is Inviting You To:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Your Heart Over to Him!*

## CONCLUSION