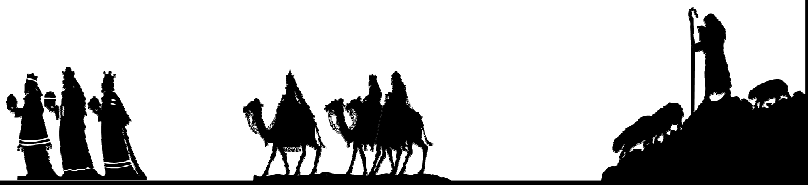


Christ Came: Receive Him
John 1:10-13

(10)He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. (11)He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. (12)Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God – (13) children born not of natural descent, nor of a human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

1. No room for Jesus – verses 10 - 11

2. Receiving God's Gift – verses 12 - 13



Small Group & Personal Bible Study

During this Christmas Season we invite you to read together with us a weekly devotion from our free gift devotional, *Christmas, The Father's Gift* by Billy Graham. (Pick up your devotional at the Welcome Center)

This Week's Devotion: "The Gift of Love & Peace"

Christmas, the Father's Gift by Billy Graham (pages 31-47)



Memory Verse: John 1:13

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

Daily Bible Reading:



- Day 1: The Gift of Love (pages 31-38)
- Day 2: Matthew 2:1-12
- Day 3: John 1:1-14
- Day 4: The Gift of Peace (pages 39-47)
- Day 5: John 14:27, John 16:3, Romans 5:1

Lesson:

On the first Christmas, the greatest gift of all time was given. It was the gift reconciliation through Christ Jesus! **God loved us** so much that He gave His only Son, so that **through believing in Him** we could have eternal life as His very own children. In the same way the prodigal son was reunited with his father, we have been reconciled to our Father in Heaven even while we were still sinners. **We now live in peace with God** simply **by receiving Jesus Christ in faith** as our Lord and Savior.

1. The paragraph above is simply the gospel message. What part of this message do you have the hardest time understanding?
2. The gospel message, the good news of salvation in Jesus is so simple but we yet often make it complicated. How would you declare the good news to someone who is seeking?
3. What did you read this week that helped you in your journey with God? How can you share that thought with another who may need to hear it?