

Ministry Focus: December 2017

A Moment of Scripture Focus for Every Ministry in First Baptist Church



To Ministry Leader: Please read or have this scripture read at your monthly meeting /activity/rehearsal.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH : JOHN 3: 14-17 (King James Version)

¹⁴“... As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶**For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

Commentary this Month

Reflections on that “SPECIAL GIFT”

Have you ever received a gift in a large box all wrapped up, only to open it and find there were many more smaller boxes inside this large box? Well, over 2000 years ago, God sent us a “special gift” in the form of his son the Lord Jesus. He didn’t come in a box but was born in a manger and then wrapped in swaddling clothes.

This is a gift that keeps on giving and it’s a one-size-fits- all kind of gift.

When you accept this “special gift”, you then receive so many more gifts in and through him. Inside this gift you can find:

Provision when you are facing a famine. (1 Kings 17:7-16)

Protection when you are fearful. (Psalm 23: 1-4)

Peace that passes all understanding even when you are surrounded by chaos. (Philippians 4: 7)

We know this has been a difficult year for many of us. Many of us have experienced challenges and struggles in our finances, marriages, children, other relationships, or even our health. However, because of the promises of provision, protection, peace, and the hope we have in the Lord Jesus, we can still walk victoriously.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, let us as a joint body, thank God for this “special gift” of his son Jesus Christ. He is truly the reason for the season. And as we move into the New Year, we can do so knowing that he holds the future, and he will be with us now and through eternity. What an awesome “special gift”! And you can rejoice if you have accepted this gift as your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you haven’t, why not do so now, what better time?

Connected scriptures for further study:

Isaiah 9:6-7 & Luke 2: 6-14