

Introduction: What do you want for Christmas?

- It's what grandparents ask their grandkids.
- It's what the Santa in every movie asks the children on his lap.
- It's what we try to guess for those we love the most.
- It's what keeps us wandering for hours at the mall when we don't know the answer...
but...

Question:

Did you ever wonder what Jesus wants for Christmas?

**The Christmas Story – From Heaven’s Perspective
and Three Questions that Demand an Answer**



Question #3: What does He want?

Answer: Colossians 1:21-29

What He wants “FOR” you:

1. Jesus wants you to receive His _____. Colossians 1:21-22a

- Once, you were alienated from God.
- You were enemies in your mind, because of your evil behavior.
- But now He has reconciled you...

Truth: Jesus made it possible to be _____ with God.

Response: We must _____ and _____ His pardon.

John 1:12

2. Jesus wants to make you _____ and _____. Colossians 1:22b-24

- To present you holy in the Father’s sight.
- Without blemish, free from accusation.
- If you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This gospel is the gospel you heard...

Truth: Jesus has freed us from sin’s _____ and _____.

Response: We must actively _____ in our faith. John 8:31-32

3. Jesus wants you to be 100% certain of _____ Colossians 1:24-27
with Him.

- Paul rejoices at the privilege of suffering for the Colossian church – this new part of Christ's Body.
- Paul was commissioned by God to present the Word of God, in all its fullness.

Namely, the formerly unknown (mystery) which is... **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

Truth: Jesus lives _____ of every true believer.

Response: We must _____ for Him daily. John 15:4-7

4. Jesus wants you to be spiritually _____. Colossians 1:28

- We [Paul and Timothy] proclaim Him, admonishing everyone, and teaching everyone (person) with all wisdom.
- [So that] – We might present every one **complete** (mature) in Christ.

Truth: God uses His Word, His people, and every circumstance to make us like His _____.

Response: We must habitually listen, learn, and _____ God's Word in community. John 15:8-11

What He wants “FROM” you:

1. Jesus wants you to share in His _____ for His Body, the Church. Colossians 1:24
2. Jesus wants you to be a _____ to present God’s Word in your world. Colossians 1:25-27
3. Jesus wants you to help others (teach and admonish) become spiritually _____. Colossians 1:28
4. Jesus wants you to exert energy and work hard in His power, to help _____ live like _____. Colossians 1:29

Questions for Application and Discussion:

1. The Father sent God the Son to the earth with a very specific agenda. How does His agenda impact your view of the baby in the manger?
2. Of the four things Jesus wants “For” us, which means the most to you right now?
3. On a scale of 1-5, how much are you experiencing what Jesus wants for you? Talk through each of the four points.
4. Which of the four things God wants “From” you are you currently giving Him? Which might be your Christmas present to Him this year?