

# GIVING

## THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV*

### Introduction:

- Christmas is about giving; God giving. God gave the *world* the gift of His Son Jesus through the virgin birth and God gives an *individual* the gift of His Son as exemplified through the shepherds.
- This morning, as we continue to look at the story of God giving the gift of His Son to the shepherds, I want to share with you three things God gives you after you receive the gift of His Son:

### 1. He Gives You a Heart Filled With \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased"* (Luke 2:14).

- **Peace** \_\_\_\_\_

*Since we have been justified by faith we have peace **with** God through our Lord Jesus Christ* (Romans 5:1, emphasis added).

- **Peace** \_\_\_\_\_

*And the peace **of** God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:7, emphasis added).

### God's Formula for His Peace

Worry about \_\_\_\_\_

+ Pray about \_\_\_\_\_

+ Thank God in \_\_\_\_\_

+ Think about \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. He Gives You a Testimony Filled With \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 15-18)

*And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child* (v. 17).

*...the Lord made known to [them]*

*...they made known the saying*

**The first thing you ought to do  
after you receive the gift of God's Son  
is \_\_\_\_\_!**

*You will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my **witnesses**...* (Acts 1:8, emphasis added)

### A Testimony Template:

My Life \_\_\_\_\_

How I \_\_\_\_\_

My Life \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. He Gives You a Life Filled With \_\_\_\_\_.

*And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them* (v. 20).

### Conclusion:

I chose as my life verse many years ago – Philippians 1:20.

*As it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.*

**Live your life giving God the \_\_\_\_\_!**