God's Greatest Gift

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On coming to the house, 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. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)

I. WHEN WE GIVE GOD OUR _____ GOD GIVES US HIS _____

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about what happens to you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

"I am leaving you with **a gift** - peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (TLB)

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But **take heart**, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

II. WHEN WE GIVE GOD OUR _____ GOD GIVES US HIS _____

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3 (NIV)

He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he **brings us alongside someone** else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. 2 Corinthians 1:4 (MSG)

III. WHEN WE GIVE GOD OUR _____ GOD GIVES US HIS _____

You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. John 16:20b (NIV)

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of **great joy** that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15 (NASB)

IV. WHEN WE GIVE GOD OUR _____ GOD GIVES US HIS _____

With His love, He will calm all your fears. Zephaniah 3:17 (NLT)

There is **no fear in love**. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

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. John 3:16 (KJV)

V. WHEN WE GIVE GOD OUR _____ GOD GIVES US HIS _____

When people sin, they earn what sin pays – death. But God gives us **a free gift** – life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NCV)

God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace. 2 Corinthians 5:19 (CEV)

As you share your faith with others, I pray that they may come to know all the blessings Christ has given us. Philemon 1:6 (CEV)