



December 2013
DaySpring Christian Center

The Voice

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Christmas Prayer
Breakfast

12.22.13

Christmas Service

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3rd Year Church
Anniversary Celebration
Services

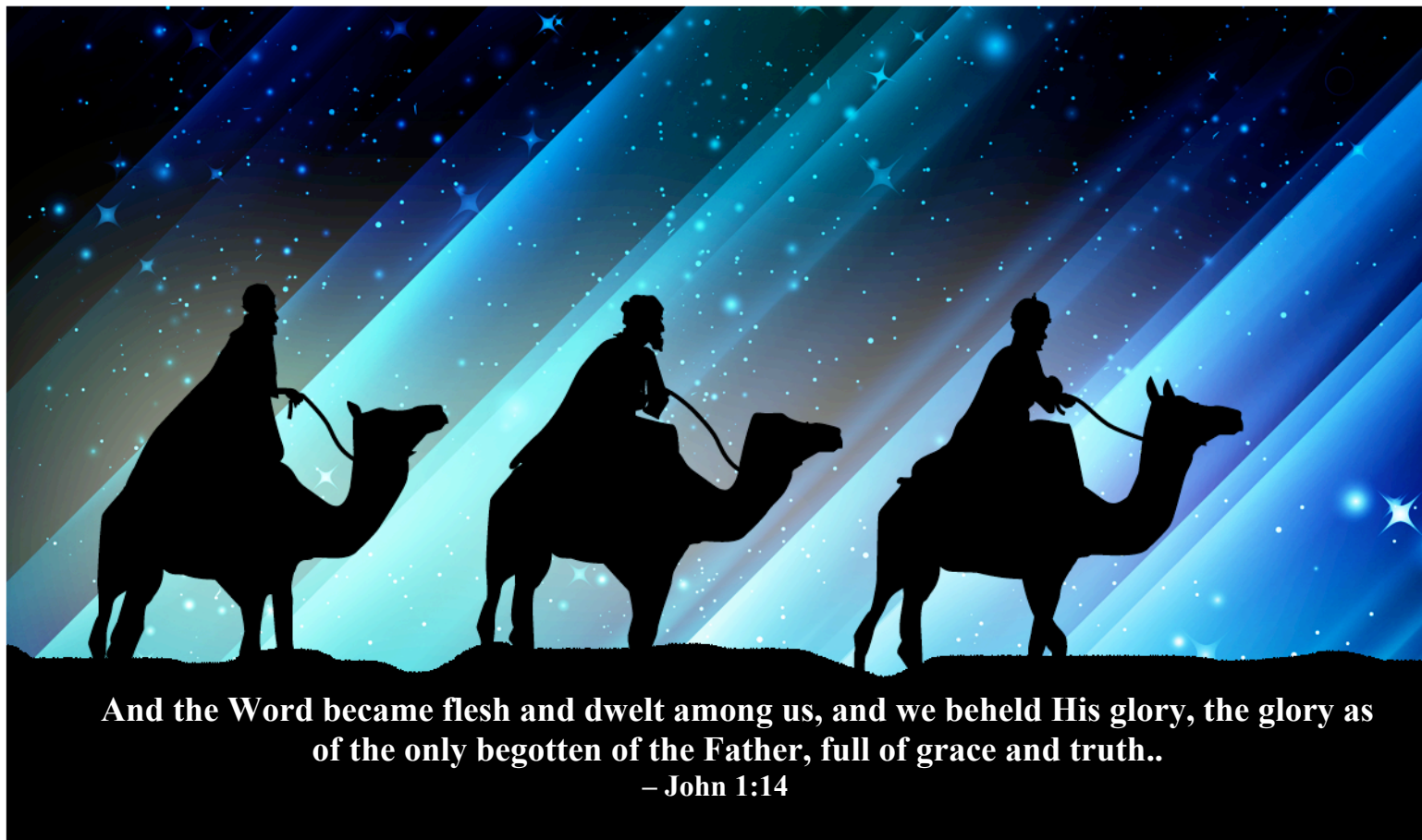
Jesus Christ. The Gift.

by Kesha Griffin

When someone gives us a gift, usually it's for us to keep for ourselves. We say thank you to the person who gave the gift and we simply keep the gift for our own enjoyment. We're not expected to give our gift away or share with other people. However, there is one exception to the gift-receiving rule. That is, when God gave us the gift of Jesus Christ, he expected us to share Him with others. Why? Because Jesus is many gifts wrapped in one. The gift of salvation, gift of hope, gift of love, gift of forgiveness, gift of mercy, gift of grace, etc., which means He is a gift that can be given to many people, for we can never run out of Him and be left empty handed, or gift-less. There is plenty of Him to go around.

The awesomeness of the gift of Jesus Christ is something we can't keep to ourselves. His unending love for us alone, should compel us to tell others about Him. We give Him to others by sharing our testimony, speaking of His goodness, living godly lifestyles for others to see Him in us, and serving in Ministry to help build His church so that others can hear Him speak through the proclamation of the Word of God.

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as
of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth..
– John 1:14

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PRAYER BREAKFAST"

**Saturday, December 14th @
8:00am**

Hometown Buffet | Gardena, CA

DaySpring is having our third Christmas Prayer Breakfast. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship, enjoy a good meal and most importantly unite in prayer. For ticket information see Mrs. Linda Griffin or contact her at 323.819.5923.

"3rd YEAR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION"

Sunday, January 12, 11am & 3pm
DaySpring Christian Center

January 2, 2011 DaySpring launched its first Sunday worship service. Three years later...we are still standing. Let's celebrate and get Re-Juvenated, Re-Connected and Re-Solve to get closer to God in 2014!!

Jesus Christ. The Gift. Continued ...

Giving the gift of Christ is not only beneficial to the person we give Him to; it's beneficial to us as well. We get to see someone accept Christ in his or her life, we make Heaven rejoice (*Luke 15:7*), we are doing the will of the Father (*John 6:40*) and we are storing up for ourselves treasures in Heaven (*Matthew 6:19-20*).

Jesus is the only give we can give away and keep for ourselves at the same time. He is the only gift that we give that gives back to us. He is the only gift that we benefit from here on earth and in eternity. Jesus is truly the gift that keeps on giving.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYSRING MEMBERS...

(1)- Please make sure we have your current address, phone number and email on file. If you have any changes to your contact information, please email Membership Services at membership@dayspringcc.org.

(2)- To ensure that you get credit for your donations to DaySpring, please **DO NOT** file your 2014 taxes until you receive your 2013 Contribution Statements. Contribution Statements will be available by January 31, 2014.

Jesus' Mercy: The Tangible Gift

by Ki Hughes

We all know that any gift invokes emotion from both the giver and the receiver. Even in our modern times we have a sense of gesture that naturally flows from us in response to any gift, generosity, or consideration. When we think about this in daily living it is something that we normally overlook because of its innate nature. We are compelled; better yet wired to respond to acts that we know we either don't deserve or are truly grateful that we did receive. If this is our natural course of action when it comes to people doing seemingly "nice" things for us, how much more should we respond in recognition of Jesus' gift of mercy to us?

It's always funny to me how when simple things are placed before us, we are so amazed at how easily we can apply a principle to our lives. Simple understanding and correlation between two parallels make us understand and put a bigger significance on just how grateful we should be for the gift of Jesus' mercy. When we understand the actual gift; the place in the heart that it originates from, we naturally are able to unleash the natural response to that gift.

Jesus' gift of mercy for us all is about not getting what we actually deserve. As a sinner myself, I know what I should be entitled to because of my behavior, actions, and consistent disobedience – I KNOW! However, because of Jesus' gift of mercy, I am assured innocence (if I hold to his teachings) in the eyes of God and I can work on showing my gratitude through forgetting my past and exercising my new life; my faith in Jesus as a natural response in gratitude for what he has given to me.

If you truly think about it Jesus has gifted us a ton, and mercy is like the icing on the cake. How are you responding to that fact? Are you acting out the natural response of graciousness and joy to the one who has given you such a wonderful gift or are you ungrateful? I submit to you today, how many times have you seen an ungrateful person receive another gift? Let us cherish and express our thanks in the highest form to the one who has given us a gift we could never repay. Praise God and Our Lord Jesus Christ for his gift of mercy. In Jesus' name, AMEN!

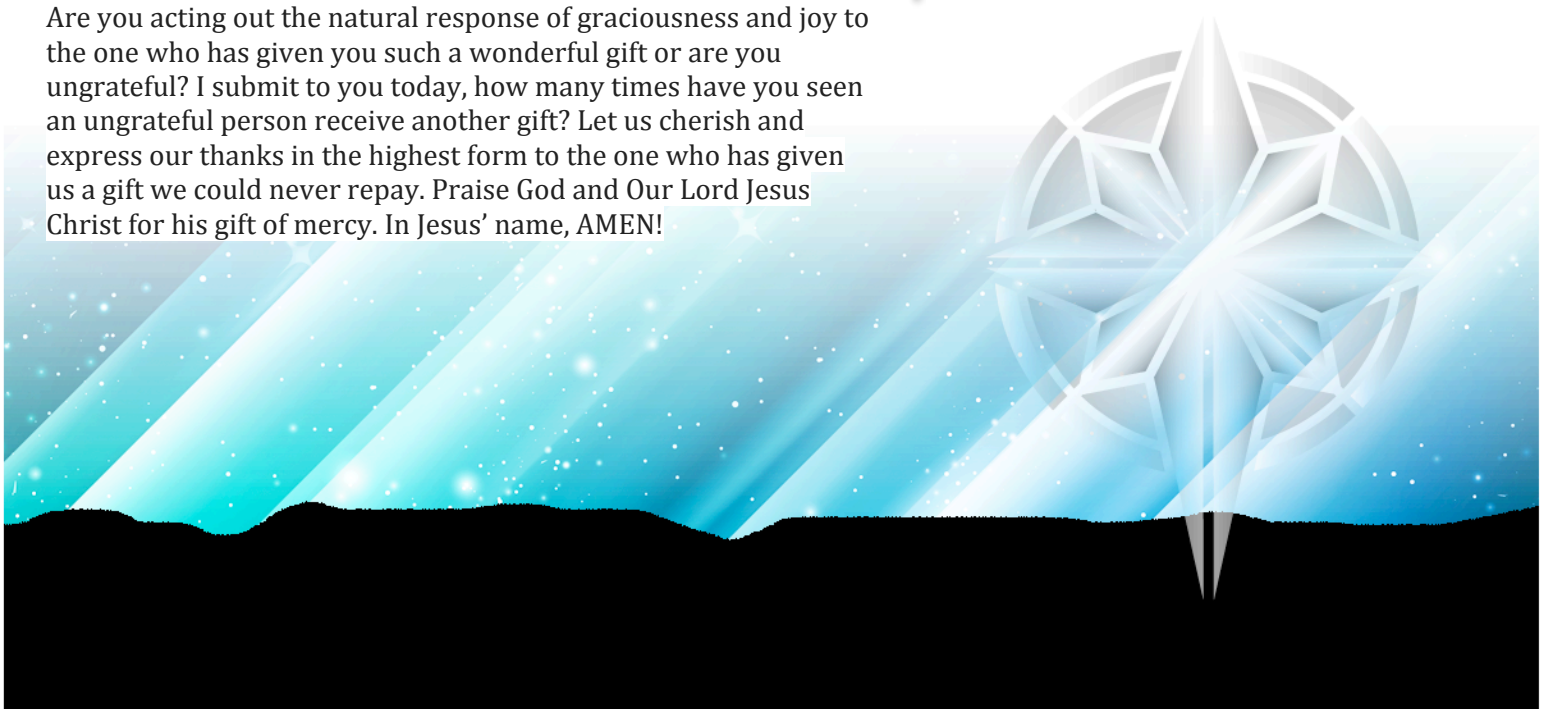
PASTORAL THOUGHT

I've heard many parents tell their kids to say thank you. Usually after someone gives a child a gift, or smallest compliment we demand of them to say thank you. And we won't leave until they say it. We tell them people will give you more if you're thankful for what was given.

Today imagine if we demanded of ourselves to be sure to consistently thank God. From even earthly principles of parenting we demand this to be done by children. I challenge us to remember to thank God for everything. Test him and see if the principle applies for us also. That is, if I thank him for the little he will give me more.

Example: If you have little peace or happiness in your life. Try this...thank you God for the little peace that I DO have. Do this consistently and see what God begins to do. Demand thankfulness from yourself and release complaining from your heart. He loves us and wants more for us. Thank you God!!!!

-Pastor Charles





Jesus' Grace: Love in Action

by Ashley Smith

Grace is the evidence of God's loving character, which is displayed in His outpouring of gifts to men. Not only does God provide us Mercy by withholding the punishment that we DO deserve for our sins; He exceeds this initial blessing and provides us with unmerited favor that we absolutely DO NOT deserve. The epitome of God's gracious nature was fully manifested in Jesus Christ. Christ took on the sins of mankind and shed His blood, so that we might be saved from eternal damnation. This inexplicable gift of redemption is freely given by God, not considering our works, and without expectation of repayment. God's grace is also abundant and demonstrated in various ways. Let's dig a little deeper.

Grace is derived from the Greek word *charis*, which has multifaceted tones depending on the context. In the New Testament *charis* is mainly used to denote the act of love of God toward men through Jesus Christ: "being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Rom 3:24)." However, it also takes on the personification of an attractive quality, or pleasing impression of one's outward appearance or speech, which we see during Jesus' ministry, "They were all speaking well of him and were amazed by the gracious words that came from His mouth... (Lk 4:22)." Additionally, *charis* is used to signify the attitude it causes, namely, gratitude and joy. These feelings are awakened in the recipients of God's grace.

God's amazing and abundant grace is a dynamic force that should drag our souls from the depths of spiritual detachment and urge us to faithfully serve God, in obedience with an attitude of gratefulness. We should also conduct ourselves

in a godly manner, so that we, like Jesus Christ, can attract others to God's fountain of grace. "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God (1Pt4:10)."

We are lost without God's grace through Jesus Christ. We need His saving grace as a provision for our sinful past in order to be reborn into a new life in Christ, and we need His enabling grace, through the Holy Spirit, to restore us daily as we try to live godly lives. We are convicted felons whose judgment excludes imprisonment and whose criminal records are wiped clean. How amazing is His grace!

Serving Opportunities

H.U.G. (*hospitality, usher & greeters*)
Team

If interested in serving, please see or
contact Ministry Director, Ki Hughes
at 323.608.9586 or
md@dayspringcc.org.



Members Corner

Hello Fam,

Around the holidays is when people tend to give **THANKS** to GOD for what they have. Let's not only give **THANKS** during the holidays. GOD has done so much for us that we should give him **THANKS** EVERYDAY. Like Pastor always says, "Its cliché but true. If GOD doesn't do anything else for me, he has already done enough."

I want to give **THANKS** for DSCC, the genuine loving people here, and for everyone who allows GOD to be #1 in their lives. GOD has done so many wonderful things, "If I had a thousand tongues, I couldn't **THANK** him enough!"

This month's **HIGHLIGHTED** member is our Media Director David Daniels. He has so many hidden talents and he let's them shine here at DSCC. Here is his testimony!

What Has God Done For Me?



For those who know me well, you know that I enjoy some good food! Through all the years of my living, so far, I have never gone a single day forced to be hungry; even when resources were low. Co-workers, friends, family, churches and even strangers have helped me out when I was hungry, and it sometimes seemed like a meal literally came from nothing.

Alongside food, I have always had enough clothing and shelter and this shows me that God is a great provider, he even provides through other people. Some may say "you ain't never been through

nothing" or "you haven't suffered real poverty yet," they may be right, but when those times hit I will cling to the fact that God has brought me this far and has already shown himself as the great provider. I am thankful that God meets all my needs, and even goes beyond that and gives extra to enjoy!

The word "correction" used to create an image of old school leather belt spankings and loud screaming kids, but since being part of DaySpring my view on correction has changed. It's more like taking a multiple choice test that I didn't study much for, turning it in to be graded and receiving it back with an "F", but the correct answers are marked by the instructor along with another chance to pass the test in the future. When I read or hear the bible being preached, it usually convicts me of things I need to start or stop doing, there's no nice way to say it convicts me of my sins! In order to be corrected, I first had to realize that I am wrong, that was tough, but now I know that I can't be a perfect human. At DaySpring we are being taught the complete Word of God and are urged continually to study the bible. I am thankful for God giving me correction through his word. It shows his love for us.

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