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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

<u>Gold</u>: emblematic of Jesus coming to be the <u>King of</u> <u>Kings</u> and Lord of Lords

Frankincense: emblematic of the priesthood and Jesus as our Great High Priest
Myrrh: symbolic of what Jesus would do in His sacrificial death for us

Romans 5:12-19

When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. And though there was not law to break, since it had not yet been given, they all died anyway---even though they did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did.

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What a contrast between Adam and Christ, who was yet to come! And what a difference between our sin and God's generous gift of forgiveness. For this one man, Adam, brought death to many through his sin. But this other man, Jesus Christ, brought forgiveness to many through God's bountiful gift.

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And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but we have the free gift of being accepted by God, even though we are guilty of many sins.

WHAT THE GIFT THAT GOD GAVE US MEANS

1.The gift means we are loved
 The gift means we can be forgiven
 The gift means we can live forever
 The gift has to be received

CLOSING THOUGHTS

You can receive what you need: love, forgiveness, and life

But in order to get all of those things, you have to receive the gift

CLOSING THOUGHS

If you do that, it's a package deal, and it has great benefits now and forever

If you haven't yet, take the gift; it'll be the best Christmas gift you've ever had