

Luke 2:25 - "consolation" - comforts/soothes; cheers/gladdens

Luke 2:38 - "redemption" - recovery/atonement; exchange/liberation

Jesus Christ Is God's Gift To Raise Us To Life - Lk 2:34

- We live in a fallen world - Ro 3:23
 - ...only the Eternal One can bring an eternal solution - Jo 3:16
- The coming of Jesus Christ to earth is the climax of God's covenant - Lk 2:30,38
 - ...He is God's promise to Adam and Eve (Gen 3); God's purpose for Israel (Gen 11,17); God's provision for the entire human race (Lk 2)
- We celebrate Christmas because in Jesus Christ alone we find the gift we are all looking for...
 - ...the gift of being raised out of our fallenness! - Lk 2:34

Jesus Christ Is God's Gift to End All Fear - Lk 2:10

- We live in a fearful world - Gen 3:10
 - ...the human self in separation from God is a fearful self
- The ultimate fear is the fear of death and separation - Heb 2:15
- Only the gift of perfect love can overcome these fears - I Jo 4:18
 - ...Perfect love has a name: Jesus Christ the Lord - Heb 2:14; II Tim 1:10
- We celebrate Christmas because in Jesus Christ alone we find the gift we are all looking for...
 - ...the ultimate consolation and liberation from all our fears!

Jesus Christ Is God's Gift to Fill Us With the Imperishable - I Pet 1:3-9

- We live in a fading world - Ro 8:18-23; I Jo 2:17
- The Christmas offer is the offer of a gift exchange - Is 61:1-3
 - ...ashes for unfading beauty
 - ...mourning for imperishable joy
 - ...weakness for forever praise
- We celebrate Christmas because in Jesus Christ alone we find the gift we are all looking for...
 - ...the free gift of an imperishable and unfading Life - Jo 3:16

We Will Either Eternally Rise or Fall by Our Assessment of God's Gift in Jesus Christ - Lk 2:34