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GOD'S GIFT AT
Christmas

"SEEING YOURSELF LIKE GOD DOES"

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MATTHEW 6:22 (ESV) "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light."

EPHESIANS 1:18 (NIV) "I pray also THAT the *eyes of your heart may be enlightened* in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you..."

INSIGHT: The problem is that a lot of stuff we believe is just false.

TRUTH: There are no perfect adults, so, many self-images we believe about ourselves are distorted.

INSIGHT: We have to begin seeing ourselves from God's point of view.

What gifts has God given us when we come to faith in Christ?

I. GOD GIVES THE GIFT OF ACCEPTANCE (Titus 3:7 CEV).

TRUTH: The number one hurt in our lives without doubt is rejection.

TRUTH: Many of the decisions we make in life are based on a desire for approval.

TRUTH: Acceptance by others isn't based on how together you are, but on how mature and loving they are!

TWO VERY IMPORTANT TRUTHS:

1. If you didn't get parental approval growing up, it probably isn't going to ever come.

TRUTH: Hurt people hurt people.

2. You don't need their approval to be happy.

INSIGHT: Stop living for the approval of people who'll never give it. Start living for God Who says He already accepts you (Psalm 27:10).

II. GOD SEES YOU AS VALUABLE (Luke 12:24 NLT).

TWO THINGS CREATE VALUE:

1. Value is determined by who owns it.
2. Value is determined by what someone is willing to pay for it.

TRUTH: Jesus Christ didn't die for junk!