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THE PERFECT GIFT!

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

Starting off with Isaiah 9:6, we understood that **'a child was born but the Gift was a Son'.** The birth of Jesus not the same as the origin of Jesus. (John 1:1). Unto us a child is born is not when He was, He was before the beginning.

Pastor Phil explained that Jesus is called the Son of adoption, given for a purpose. *'Adoption' in Greek is 'Huiothesia'* meaning this is the Son that the father chooses to represent him in full authority. **Now, God has also given us the spirit of adoption**.

One major point Pastor Phil made was that r***ighteousness is unnatural to an unbeliever.*** Same way, certain wrong behavior was natural when we were unbelievers, now we struggle doing them. Saints, don't be fine just hearing that you're forgiven and are righteous but continue to engage in sin. Likewise, we have no right to judge anyone because It is His love that saved us all. No one can stand on their performance except for His love. **(Romans 8:9, 1 John 5:9-10)**

It is because of God's love for us, that He sent Jesus. **This, my friends, is the essence of Christmas.**

In a run down, Pastor Phil listed 5 things to note as key for this season;

- ***The heart of the Gift: The Father's love. 2 Cor. 9:15***
- ***The Gift: Jesus. Heb. 10:13***
- ***The purpose of the Gift: This is salvation from sin. Matt. 1:21***
- ***The beneficiaries of the Gift: This is mankind. Rom. 5:16, Acts 26:18***

All of mankind has been forgiven of their sins, and we received this forgiveness by faith in Christ.

Do you know that people are in hell because they didn't receive the forgiveness of sins?

This leads to the last point,

- ***The responsibility of the Gift: This is to tell people of the Gift (Jesus). 2 Cor. 5:18***

They can't know they're forgiven if they don't hear the gospel. Friends, this is a call to live in purpose. Preaching the good news.

A final charge to us...

Let our every decision be guided by the spiritual inclination of who we are in Christ.

What a Word! This is so timely as it redirects our focus to the purpose for Christmas. Much more was taught. If you missed this service, head on to our YouTube channel.

Merry Christmas!!!!

Ciao!



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CHURCH UPDATES

1 **Kingdom Partners**

This is a reminder to kingdom partners of their monthly contributions.

2 **Important Information**

- Our weekly Prayer and fasting continues on Tuesdays.
- Midweek service is on Wednesday at 6pm, Nicon Luxury Hotel.
- TSP weekly prayers holds every Friday at 6pm, Nicon Luxury Hotel.