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"TIME TO COME HOME TO JESUS"

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JOHN 3:16 (NASB) "God SO LOVED the world that HE GAVE His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life!"

TRUTH: You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving. Romans 8:32, "Since God did not spare his own Son, but GAVE HIM UP for us all, then can we not expect that, WITH HIM, God will freely GIVE ALL HIS GIFTS?"

TRUTH: All of God's gifts to me and you are wrapped up in Jesus.

WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OFFERED TO US FROM GOD BECAUSE OF JESUS?

I. A NEW IDENTITY

WORD OF ADVICE: Never, ever base your identity on something you can lose.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "When someone accepts Christ [*we accept the BIG gift... God so loved the world that He gave His Son*], he becomes a BRAND-NEW PERSON INSIDE. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun."

TRUTH: A huge mistake once you are IN Christ is to let your failures and faults define you.

II. A NEW ABILITY, Romans 5:5 (TEV) "God has POURED OUT HIS LOVE in our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is GOD'S GIFT TO US."

TRUTH: The Holy Spirit of God is the power of God in us to live a changed life... He is God's second gift of Christmas. Philippians 2:13, "Now God works in you, giving you both the desire and the ability to fulfill His good purpose for you."

INSIGHT: There is a difference between willpower and God's power.

TRUTH: Succeeding in life is not about you trying but about you trusting the power of the Holy Spirit of God living in you.

TRUTH: A changed life is lived by the grace of God, in the person of the Holy Spirit of God, giving the strength that comes only from God, one day at a time.

III. A NEW FAMILY, Ephesians 1:4-5 "Because of His love, God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ."

INSIGHT: God doesn't want you to just believe in Jesus; He wants you to belong to His family, because all of us need support.

TRUTH: Each of you needs support and a foundation for your life.

***Our prayer together:**

Dear God, thank You for Your goodness to me. Thank You for loving me and caring about every detail of my life.

Most of all thank You for sending Jesus at Christmas to save ME. I believe Jesus died on the Cross for ME.

I invite Jesus into my life right now. Please save me, Lord, please forgive my sins and accept me into Your family.

I want to learn to love You and trust You and follow You for the rest of my life on earth. I will follow You and obey You more and more as You help me.

Make me a new person. I invite the Holy Spirit to come and live in me and give me the power to live as I should.

Thank You for Heaven as my new home, and that ONE DAY I will JOIN YOU in heaven forever!
In Jesus Name, Amen!