

# Christmas Outside the Box

Christmas 2021

## Grace Gifts

Gifts that Keeps on Giving

John 3:16



# COVID Christmas



How The  
**Covid-19**  
**STOLE**  
**CHRISTMAS!**

# COVID Christmas

## COVID has Affected

- Assets
- Attitudes
- Actions

## Black Friday was Once Known for

- Deals
- Destitute

## We Hear the New Covid Term

“New Normal”

Means= “No More Normal”

# Christmas Out of the Box





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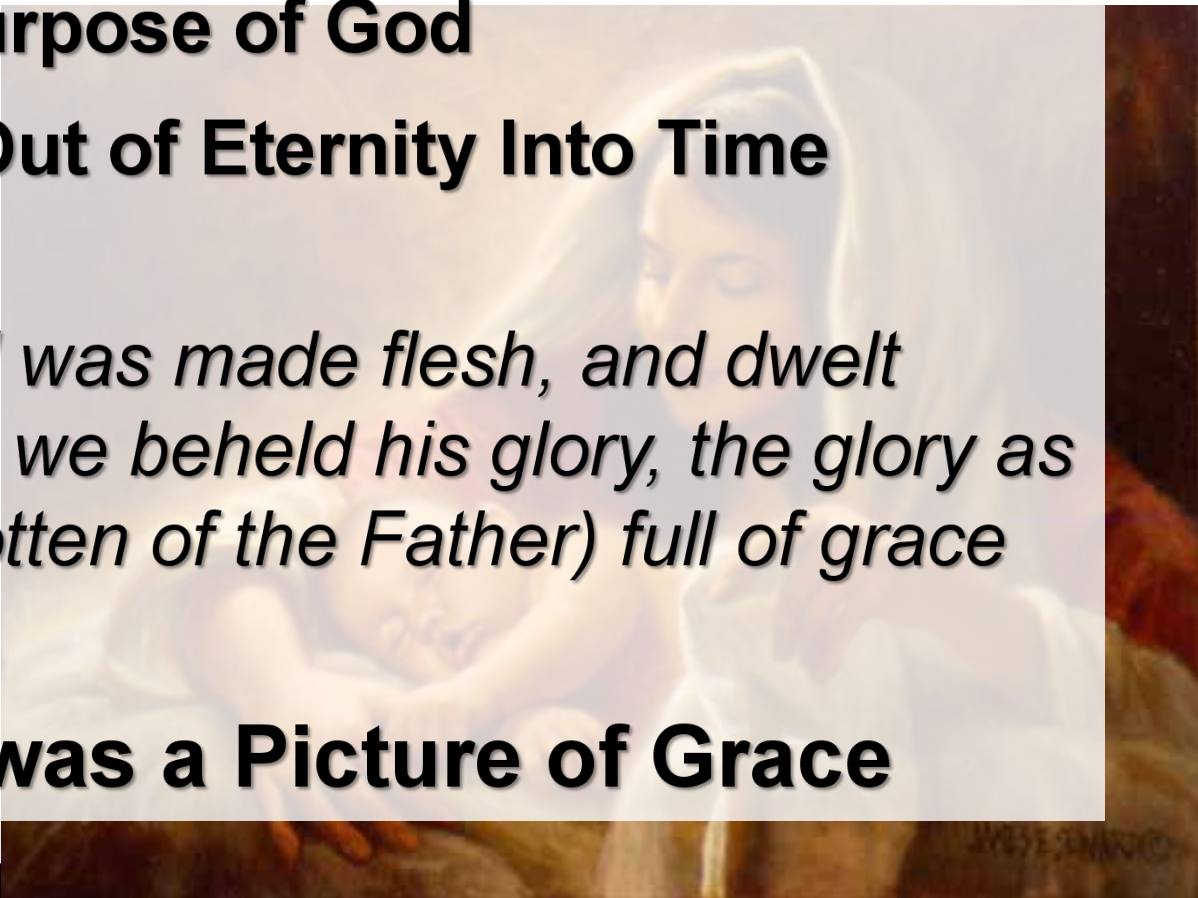
**No Other Story in the Bible speaks with such  
Clarity about the Power  
and the Purpose of God**

**} God Stepped Out of Eternity Into Time**

**} John 1:14**

*14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.*

**} The Manger was a Picture of Grace**



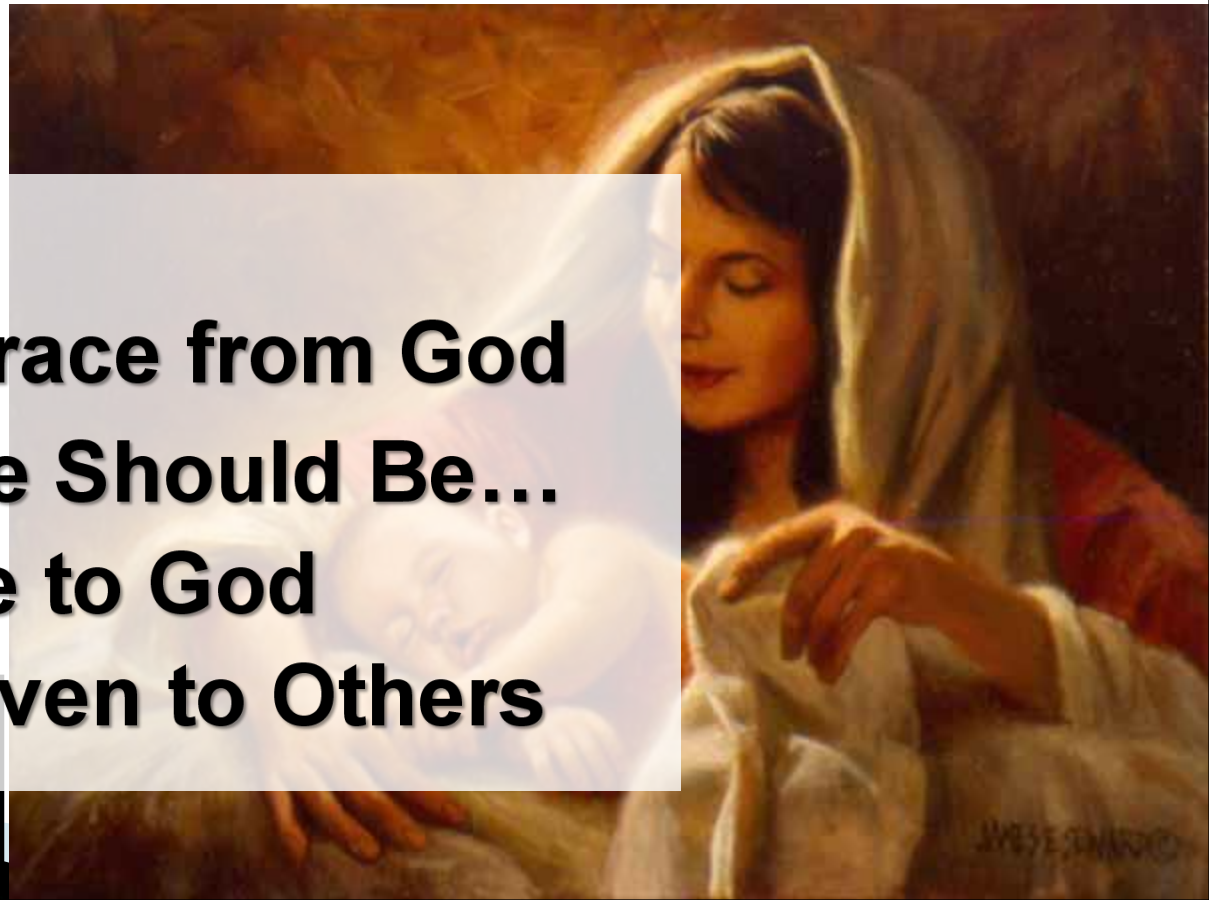
# Grace = Undeserved Favor

**John 3:16**

**We Receive Grace from God**

**Our Response Should Be...**

- **Gratitude to God**
- **Grace Given to Others**







# Unnecessary COVID Stress



Has Caused...

- Lost Meaning of Christmas
- Littered Families
- Lack of Money





# Unnecessary COVID Stress

IT CAME  
WITHOUT  
RIBBONS  
IT CAME  
WITHOUT  
TAGS

IT CAME  
WITHOUT  
PACKAGES,  
BOXES,  
OR BAGS

CHRISTMAS  
2021



# Unnecessary COVID Stress

**How Many Have Money to Burn this Year?**

- } **Sometimes the Lack of Money/ Time (*inability*) to Do All Would Like to Do**
- } **Causes Us to...**
  - **Hide (*passive*)**
  - **Scrooge (*aggressive*)**
  - **What Ever (*defeated -depressed -debt*)**



**CHRISTMAS  
2021**



Gifts of

**G R A C E**



**The Economy has had an Impact on...  
...Christmas / Gift Giving**

**But it has NO EFFECT on the...**

**...Meaning of Christmas or the Best Gifts**

**} Grace Gifts**

- **Affordable**
- **Available**
- **Have Voice**
- **Echoes**

# Basic Human Needs

# Grace Gifts Have a Loud Voice

## They Speak to the Needs of Man...

- **Survival** -*I want to live and be healthy*
- **Security** -*I want my needs met*
- **Social** -*I want to be loved*
- **Significance** -*I want to be heard (life to count)*
- **Success** -**Growth** -*I want to keep growing*

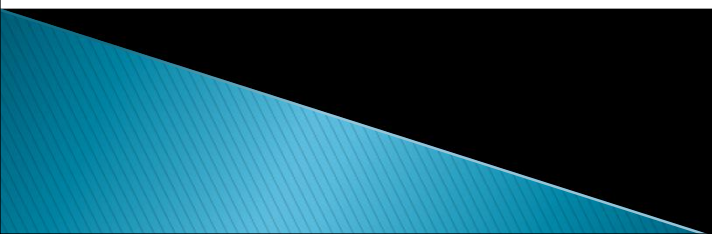
***Other Gifts Come and Go...Fade Away***

***Grace Gifts Have Great Impact...Loud***



**G. R. A. C. E. Gifts**

**G. Godly Reach**



# G. R. A. C. E. Gifts

## G- Godly Reach

### □ Prayer

- Pray for your loved ones/ let them know you do

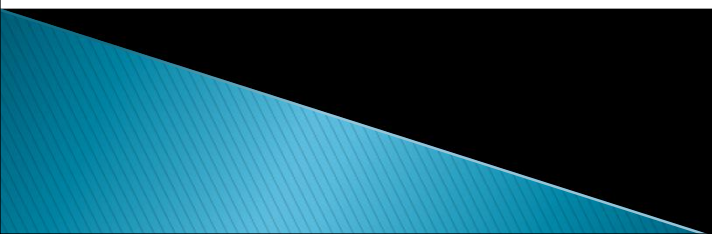
*Eph 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto w- all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

### □ Forgiveness

*Matt 6:14–15, “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you”*

**G. R. A. C. E. Gifts**

**R-Reach "Personal"**





# G. R. A. C. E. Gifts

## R- Reach “Personal”

### ☐ Favor

- Help with the Dishes, Run an Errand, Babysit

} **Romans 15:1(KJV)** -*We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*

# G. R. A. C. E. Gifts

## R- Reach “Personal”

### Time

- Offer to play your loved one’s favorite game
- Sit and Talk...not Preach!

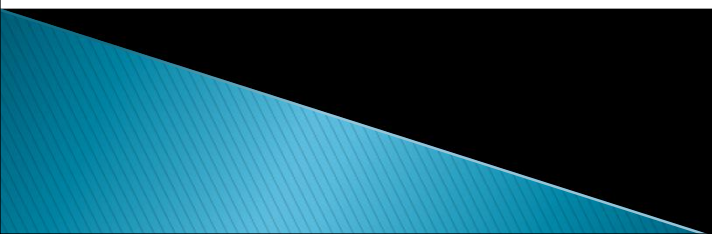
**Hebrews 13:16 (KJV)** *But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

### Leaving Alone...

There are times in our lives when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Become more sensitive to those times and give solitude.

**G. R. A. C. E. Gifts**

**A. Affection**





# G. R. A. C. E. Gifts

## A- Affection

### ☐ Affection...

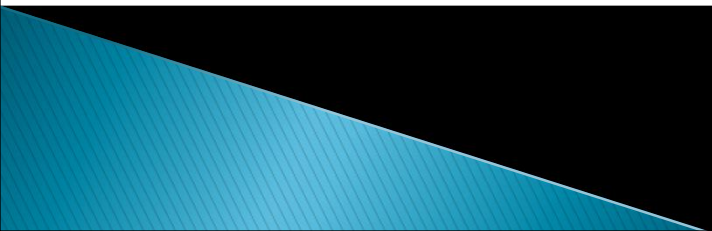
Be generous with your hugs/ Handshakes/ Signs  
Tiny actions demonstrate the love inside

### } **Romans 12:10 (Phillips NT)**

*<sup>10</sup> Let us have real warm affection for one another as between brothers, and a willingness to let the other man have the credit.*

**G. R. A. C. E. Gifts**

**C-Communication**



# G. R. A. C. E. Gifts

## C- Communication

### Listening...

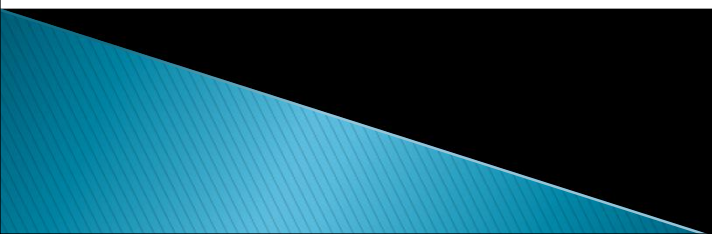
- Try giving this to someone in need.
- Really listen.
- No interrupting, planning responses.
- Just listen.

**} James 1:19(NIV)<sup>19</sup> *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry***



**G. R. A. C. E. Gifts**

**E-Encouragement**



# G. R. A. C. E. Gifts

## E- Encouragement

### ☐ Edify...

A simple “*Good Job*” or “*Good supper*” can be of greatest value to those who may feel they are being taken for granted.

☒ **GOD'S WORD** Prov 25:11[Like] *golden apples in silver settings, [so] is a word spoken at the right time.*

### ☐ Laughter/ Cheerfulness

Prov 17:22, *a Merry heart doeth good like a medicine: a broken spirit drieth up the bones*

**Grace Gifts Have a Loud Voice**

GIFTS OF

**GRACE**



# Grace Gifts Have a Loud Voice

## These Gifts Are...

- Personal
- Powerful
- Plentiful

### 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (KJV)

*Wherefore comfort yourselves together,/  
edify one another, even as also ye do.*







Things are Hard...  
But the Question to Ask...  
} WWJD  
You Can Believe...  
It Would Involve Grace







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