

“The Gift”

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*(In this message Pastor Maurer provided the voice of the narrator, the giver of “the gift,” while Angela Maurer acted the part of the receiver of “the gift.”)*

I have a Christmas present for you. That’s right, for you! Go ahead and open it.

Well, what do you mean, “you can’t accept it?” It’s a gift! I know you didn’t earn it. It’s a gift!

You want to pay me for it? No, way, then it’s not a gift.

Yes, the wrapping is very beautiful. And the bow is elegant as well. So go ahead, open it!

You love it! Fantastic! Would I take it back? Never! It’s a gift!

I know you think you don’t deserve it, but I paid for it. So take it. Use it. Celebrate it.

I’m giving it to you because I love you! It’s yours ... forever.

***For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)***

***For by grace you have been saved through faith; it is the gift of God, not by works lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)***

God has the perfect gift in mind for you. But you need to accept it. What will you do with His gift?