

**The Gift of Seeing Him**  
**The Gifts of Christmas—Part 3**  
**John 1:14; 1 John 1:1-2**  
**December 17, 2017**

In week one we talked about the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

Last week we unwrapped the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

Today I want to talk about another gift – the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

**God’s people were unable to see God.**

**Until...**

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth...” John 1:14 (NIV)

The \_\_\_\_\_ saw him:

“After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his other Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.” --Matthew 2:9-11 (NIV)

The \_\_\_\_\_ saw him:

“When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger.” Luke 2:15-16 (NIV)

\_\_\_\_\_ saw him:

“Now there was a man named Simeon, who lived in Jerusalem. He was a righteous man and very devout. He was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he eagerly expected the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God saying, ‘Lord, now I can die in peace! As you promised me, I have seen the Savior You have

given to all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, And he is the glory of your people Israel!" --Luke 2:25-32 (NIV)

The \_\_\_\_\_ saw him:

"The one who existed from the beginning is the one we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands. He is Christ, the Word of life. This one who is life from God was shown to us, and we have seen Him." --1 John 1:1-2 (NIV)

Jesus said, "If you have seen me – you have seen the father..." --John 14:9

"So, brothers and sisters, we are completely free to enter the Most Holy place without fear because of the blood of Jesus' death. We can enter through a NEW and LIVING way that Jesus opened for us. It leads through the curtain – Christ's body." (Hebrews 10:19-20 NCV)

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better..." --Ephesians 1:17

I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things...I want to know Christ." --Philippians 3:8-10