

UNTO US

Part 4: Receiving the Gift

*For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given
Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)*

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

- John 1:11-13 (NIV)

Big Idea:

A gift isn't yours until you grab it

The only thing keeping you from Christ is:

BELIEF

"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son" - John 3:18 (NIV)

When I receive God's gift in Jesus...

I don't have to WORK to be forgiven

*Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.
- Acts 10:43 (NIV)*

I don't have to WONDER if I belong

*"All those who stand before others and say they believe in me, I will say before my Father in heaven that **they belong to me.**"
- Matthew 10:32 (NCV)*

I don't have to WORRY about the world

*Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.
- 1 John 5:4-5 (NIV)*

How to receive God's greatest gift:

ADMIT you need forgiveness

BELIEVE Jesus died for you

COMMIT your life to God's plan