



*Making the Gift of Christ Last*  
*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

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- For the Christian, Christmas truly does last all year.
- The gift of salvation through Jesus Christ is a **gift** that should never get old, lose its usefulness, or be cast to the wayside.

**So, the question is, how can the Christian make the gift of Christ last year after year?**

**First, by *removing* the things that take away from the Gift.**

- The **flesh** can get in the way of your ability to effectively use the gift of salvation in your life.
- You can't just remove the things that will get in the way of living out the Christian life; you have to make sure there is no forethought of **sinful** living.
- *"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."*  
**Romans 13:14**

**Second, by *submitting* yourself to God's purpose for the Gift.**

- The Bible teaches that God wants to use people after they are saved. He makes us **new** for a purpose.
- You must come to a point where you are willing to submit yourself to God and His **way**.
- *“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”*  
**Romans 6:16**

### **Third, by *sharing* the Gift you have with others.**

- *“If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.”* **1 Timothy 4:6**
- With your gift of salvation, you can give it away as many times as you want, and you will **never** run out!
- The Christian can share this gift **anytime** and **anywhere**.

**The gift of salvation will never leave you; however, many people treat this gift as just another free gift and take it for *granted*.**

**The lives which we live, as we believe on Jesus Christ, must be lived out through each and every one of us as we carry the news of the *free* gift of salvation to those around us.**