**Unwrapping The Blessing Of Christmas**

**John 1:9-13**

***6****And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.****7****And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.* Luke 2:6-7

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* John 1:1

***9****The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.****10****He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.****11****He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.****12****But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,****13****who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.* John 1:9-13

I. Illuminates The Nature Of The SON

*and the world was made through him*

***1****In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.****2****He was in the beginning with God.****3****All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.* John 1:1-3

*For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.* Colossians 2:9

II. Illuminates The Nature Of Our SOULS

*the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*

***19****And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.****20****For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.* John 3:19-20

III. Illuminates The Nature Of SALVATION

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**One Last Thought:** The blessing of Christmas cannot be enjoyed until it is UNWRAPPED!