

DECEMBER 9/10, 2017 | CHRISTMAS SERIES | BRAD BRINSON

THE OTHER SIDE OF CHRISTMAS: Receiving Heaven's Gift

John 1:6-13

Jesus comes to His own... *Jeremiah 7:25-26*

"The light _____ in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

For John, 'darkness' isn't merely the absence of light, it is a condition of the mind and the _____ *Romans 1:19-20; John 3:19-20*

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was _____. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through Him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light." John 1:6-8

John 1:23; John 1:35

John's comments regarding John the Baptist are _____ *Acts 19*

"The light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." John 1:9

Why do people contend for no absolutes & reject the idea that there is only one genuine God?

"He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not _____ Him." John 1:10-11

This kind of receiving (lambano) involves an _____ action, and a response.

"But to all who did _____ Him, who _____ in His name, He gave the _____ to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12-13

Matthew 5:3

Believe in His name = _____

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Located in the Student Center



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ALL CHURCH

Did You Know?: We collected **702** Operation Christmas Child boxes to bless children across the world! Also, thanks to donations from 2 Groups and your offerings, 2RC distributed **75** winter coats to Eaton Elementary School students in time for the upcoming cold weather!

Year End Giving: It is because of God’s faithfulness and your generosity to this ministry that we are seeing lives changed and many people added to the body of Christ. Thank you! We hugely depend on year-end gifts to accomplish all God has called us to. Year-end gifts are being accepted through December 31. See all giving options at 2RC.tv/Give.

YouVersion: 2RC is now in the YouVersion Bible App! Click on “More” & search “Two Rivers Church” under the Events tab, or select us from the map to follow along with the sermon notes. Take your own notes too & save them for later! Learn more at 2RC.tv/YouVersion.

IMPACT

Run For Their Lives: This Freedom 424 race series, exists to bring freedom & justice by raising awareness of sexual exploitation & human trafficking and providing financial support to partner organizations that work directly with those impacted by this form of modern day slavery. Sign up to walk or run at UT Gardens on January 27 at 2RC.tv/R4TL. Fundraise a minimum of \$50 and run/walk for free!

WORSHIP

Worship Arts Auditions: Are you a vocalist, instrumentalist or interested in volunteering with the tech team? Auditions will be held on January 14. Sign up today at **Get Connected** or online at 2RC.tv/Auditions. Sign ups end December 10!

PRAYER

The WELL: There will be no WELL on **December 22 & 29**. Enjoy the holidays with your family, and we will resume on January 3.

PRAYER REQUESTS

☐ I PRAYED TO RECEIVE CHRIST TODAY!

MID-WEEK TIMES

MSM (6-8 Grade)
Wednesday 6:30-8:30P
[River Splash | 2RC.tv/MSM](https://2RC.tv/MSM)

FUEL (9-12 Grade)
Wednesday 6:30-8:30P
[Student Center | 2RC.tv/FUEL](https://2RC.tv/FUEL)

The Well (Prayer & Worship)
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30P
[River Room | 2RC.tv/WELL](https://2RC.tv/WELL)

1829 (18-29 years old)
1st Thursday 7:00-8:30P
[The Shed | 2RC.tv/1829](https://2RC.tv/1829)

NEXT STEPS

Learn more about these opportunities to explore, connect & engage at 2RC.tv/NextSteps

EXPLORE

- Find a worship venue
- Complete a connection card
- Attend a Taste of Two Rivers

CONNECT

- Visit Staff at Get Connected
- Join The City
- Register for Wade In

ENGAGE

- Join a Group
- Find a place to serve
- Share your story
- Partner with us

LIVE IT OUT

Find this week’s full study guide at 2RC.tv/StudyGuide

Putting The Bible Into Practice:

What emotions were stirred from the story about the Farmer’s son & why? Reflect on Genesis 6:6-7; Isaiah 63:8-11; Ezekiel 6:9; Luke 19:41-44 & John 3:19-20. What stands out? Why do people choose to do evil? How do people try to cover or make up for their sin?

What in your life has grieved God? Reflecting on Isaiah 53, how did Jesus take your punishment? What did His sacrificial death accomplish for those who trust Him ?

Read John 1:6-13. Who has God sent as witnesses to the light in your life? According to John 1:12a & Revelation 3:20, what does it mean to receive Jesus? According to John 1:12b & Romans 1:9-11 what does it mean to ‘believe’? What does it mean to become a child of God?

Challenge:

Receive Jesus! Enjoy the security of being adopted (*1 John 5:11-13*). Walk in the Light!

Christmas Service Times

Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24 will be at:

KNOXVILLE CAMPUS

1:00, 3:00 & 5:00P

*No Saturday night or Sunday morning services

ROANE COUNTY CAMPUS

3:00 & 5:00P

*No Sunday morning services