

CHRISTMAS GIFT

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The Redeemed

Romans 3:22-26 (NIV)

²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the **redemption** that came by Christ Jesus.

²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--

²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

⁷ In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

Unity

John 17:11 (NIV)

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Love

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you,

so you must love one another.

³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.