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**GRACE NOTES PROGRAM**

**SERIES: CHRISTMAS – a time to remember ALL YEAR**

**TITLE – Jesus' gifts keep on giving!**

**SONGS: Mary did you know 3:30**

**Messiah Medley 3:35**

**INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes.**

**One of the things people like to do is to buy the PERFECT GIFT for that special someone, one that will delight them, last a long time and maybe become a fond memory. A good gift is one of high quality and is usually expensive.**

**Our Heavenly Father desires to do the same with the gifts He gives. He gave His best when He sent us Jesus to pay the penalty for our sin. There was no price tag that could be put on His life. James 1:17a states that every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of heavenly lights. Jesus is the perfect gift and He gave to us the fruit of the spirit through the Holy Spirit because He is a good Father and desires to delight us.**

**Today, on Grace Notes we will cover several other gifts under the tree. This is the last program in our Christmas tree series. Have you started making your ornaments? Time's awastin'.**

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**I see another gift on the tree. It's GOODNESS.**

**The only GOOD in this world is because GOD is GOOD.**

**Phil 1:6 says...**

**We can rest assured that He who began a GOOD work in you, will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ.**

**God begins the work when we receive Jesus' free gift of salvation.**

**He works in our hearts as we live out our faith, to help us bring Glory to Himself and enjoy an abundant life.**

**His promises throughout His Word assure us that He will be with us now and through eternity. Psalm 23:6 states..**

**Surely, GOODNESS and mercy will FOLLOW me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, FOREVER!!!**

**God had Isaiah foretell Jesus Christ's coming 700 years before it can to be. He also prophesied His death in great detail. You can read about it in Isaiah chapter 53.**

**You see, Jesus came to DIE – so we could LIVE forever.**

**God has GOOD PLAN for us – a plan to make us more like CHRIST to be able to rule and reign with Him.**

**Oh, I just found another great gift – this is exciting. I love presents!**

**This gift says MEEKNESS. It is defined as...**

**Patient submissive humbleness, soft, mild, of a tender nature, dovelike, easily imposed on, not easily provoked.**

**Another gift similar to meekness is GENTLENESS, which is meekness demonstrated.**

**Matt. 11:29-30 Jesus said...**

**Come unto me all you who labor & are heavy laden & I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you & learn of me for I am MEEK and lowly in heart & you shall find rest unto your SOULS.**

**Do people feel comfortable approaching You?**

**Jesus came here as a baby not a king. Everyone loves a baby.**

**He felt all we feel and more.**

**He showed us that we can approach Him because He understands.**

**GENTLENESS goes along with the gift of Long-suffering, or patience, which is the epitome of Christian maturity.**

**James 2:4 says...**

**Let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, (mature & complete) wanting(lacking) nothing.**

**In Eph. 4:1-2 Paul puts them altogether...**

**I beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love (that's patience), endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**These gifts or fruits pave the way for the gift of TEMPERANCE, or self-control. That should really be God control - willing to do whatever He wants – the way He wants.**

**Paul wrote in Phil 2:4-8...**

**Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of other. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. (Christ set the example.)**

**We're not necessarily called to die on a cross – but we are called to die to ourselves.**

**Mary did when she said...**

**“I am the Lord's servant...May it be to me as you have said”.**

**Mary's unquestioning obedience to the Lord gave eternal blessings to all.**

**Who knows what can be accomplished in our lives if we're willing to submit to God the way Mary did.**

**Think of the blessing Mary would have missed if she had said  
'No'.**

**\*\*\*\*\* LENGTH: 4:35  
\*\* MARY DID YOU KNOW \*\* WRITER: Mark Lowry  
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**Mary, did you know  
That your baby boy  
Would someday walk on water?  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Will save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered  
Will soon deliver you.**

**Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Will calm the storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God.  
The blind will see  
The deaf will hear  
The dead will live again  
The lame will leap  
The dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb**

**Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know  
That your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding  
Is the Great I Am**

**The last gift I see (and certainly not all that Jesus gives us) is  
FAITH, or Faithfulness.**

***If I were to give you a box with a gift designed to please and delight  
would you be thrilled if it were filled with***

- material wealth***
- welfare and health***
- silver and gold***
- riches untold?***

***Or would you prefer to receive for yourself  
things you can share with others?***

***Gifts to be used to help mankind like***

- patience & love***
- strength from above***
- peace and joy***
- fruits to employ?***

***The things you hold onto will soon be gone.***

***The things you give - they will live on.***

***When you've departed your friends will say  
you live in their hearts for you gave YOU away.***

**What are you faithful in doing?**

**CHRISTMAS should be every day in our hearts...  
Christ came to give gifts that keep on giving...**

**Fruit left on the tree rots. It benefits no one.  
The Fruit of the Spirit only operates in our lives as  
we pull it from our heart vine and give it out.**

**We need to herald Jesus' Message of PEACE to all, and let  
our light so shine before men that they may see our good  
works and glorify our Father in heaven.**

**God chooses to use US to spread His GOOD-NEWS message.  
He calls us to BEAR FRUIT! Give out His gifts!**

**That night in Bethlehem was just a beginning.**

**He came to bring us salvation, hope, and faith to believe.  
He will come again to give us another gift He promised,  
a gift that really keeps on giving – eternal life with Him.**

**We will reign with Him forever!**

**\*\*\*\*\* LENGTH: 5:30  
\*\*\* MESSIAH MEDLEY \*\*\* WRITER: HANDEL  
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**We pray you have enjoyed opening and reflecting on the gifts  
Jesus came to earth to give us. If you have not received the gift  
of salvation, why not receive it today and start the new year  
with a new life, hope in Christ, and all His promises to keep you.  
Write to us if you have any questions concerning salvation.**

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**Join us next time. Until then, let your grace notes be a song of  
praise!**