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## **"GIFTS RECEIVED AND ENJOYED"**

### **Colossians 1:3-8**

Introduction: As we have just finished a time of giving and receiving gifts, I would like to think of the gifts we received when we accepted Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. I have chosen verses from Paul's letter to the Colossians to help us better understand the three gifts that keep on giving when we choose to enjoy them daily.

#### **I. The Gift of Living Faith**

- A. Demonstrated by JESUS! – Hebrews 12:1-2
- B. Expressed in GOOD WORKS! – Ephesians 2:8-10

#### **II. The Gift of Unconditional Love**

- A. Demonstrated by JESUS – I John 4:10-12
- B. Expressed in ACTS of LOVE – Matthew 5:43-48

#### **III. The Gift of the Blessed Hope**

- A. Hope that MOTIVATES! – Romans 5:1-5
- B. Hope that PREPARES! – Titus 2:11-14
- C. Hope that ANCHORS! – Hebrews 6:19-20

Conclusion: May the New Year be filled with opportunities for you to share your LIVNG FAITH and to express God's UNCONDITIONAL LOVE remembering, both are motivated by the BLESSED HOPE Who may come at any moment!