
What Does Jesus Want for Christmas?

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Luke 2:1–20

**Jesus Wants Whatever I Am Holding on To
That I Won't Let Go of**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."
John 14:15, ESV

Something I Need to Stop Doing –
Something I Need to Start Doing

Am I as Close to God as I Use to Be?

Jesus Wants to Be First Place in My Life

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart
be also.” *Luke 12:34, ESV*

Jesus Will Not Accept 2nd Place

“I came that they may have life and have it
abundantly.” *John 10:10, ESV*

The Common Christian Sin Is Adultery and Idolatry

“But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing.” **1 John 1:9, GNB**

Jesus Wants Me to Know Him and Experience Him as He Is

“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.” **John 17:24, ESV**

The World Gathers Around Baby Jesus
But Scatters from Lord Jesus

To Experience Jesus Is to Change the Way I Look at
Life

Jesus Wants Me to Trust Him

“But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?” *Luke 18:8, NLT*

Trusting Jesus Means That I Have a Unique
Perspective on Life

I See Life Through the Lens of The Power of The
Holy Spirit

“All things are possible for one who believes.” *Mark*
9:23, ESV

Jesus Wants Me to Build His Kingdom

“Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came!” *John 12:27, NLT*

To Tell Others About the Cross and God's Love for
Them,
Asking for A Commitment to Jesus

To Invest My Life in Growing Baby Christians Into
Mature Christians

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” ***Matthew 28:19–20, NLT***

