

## ONE FINAL GIFT IDEA

**Have we given God what he deserves this season?**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV)

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

**What gift can we give God? What would please Him?**

Hebrews 11:1-6 (ESV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

**The gift we can give God: Faith - Believing Him.**

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

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Hebrews 11:3 (ESV)

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**Not having faith has a relational consequence with God.**

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV)

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Love believes. Faith is an integral part of our relationship with God.**

Hebrews 11:4 (ESV)

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**True Faith changes our attitudes. The how we do what we do.**

**What I am doing is not the problem. My attitude and my beliefs while doing it is the problem.**

Hebrews 11:5-6 (ESV)

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

**True Faith changes our desires.**

James 2:18-19 (ESV)

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

James 2:20-23 (ESV)

Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God.

**True Faith should change our actions.**

**True Faith should change my beliefs, should change my attitudes, and should change my actions.**

**Let's give God the Gift of Faith. Let's resolve to believe Him!**