



The
Season *of the*
Light

Gifts The Light
came to give.






John

8:2-6a NLT



²but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. ³As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.






John

8:2-6a NLT



⁴“Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

⁶They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him,






John

8:6b-9 NLT



but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” ⁸Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.





John

8:6b-9 NLT

⁹When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.




John

8:10-11 NLT



¹⁰Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”




¹¹“No, Lord,” she said.

And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”



John
8:12 NLT

¹²Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

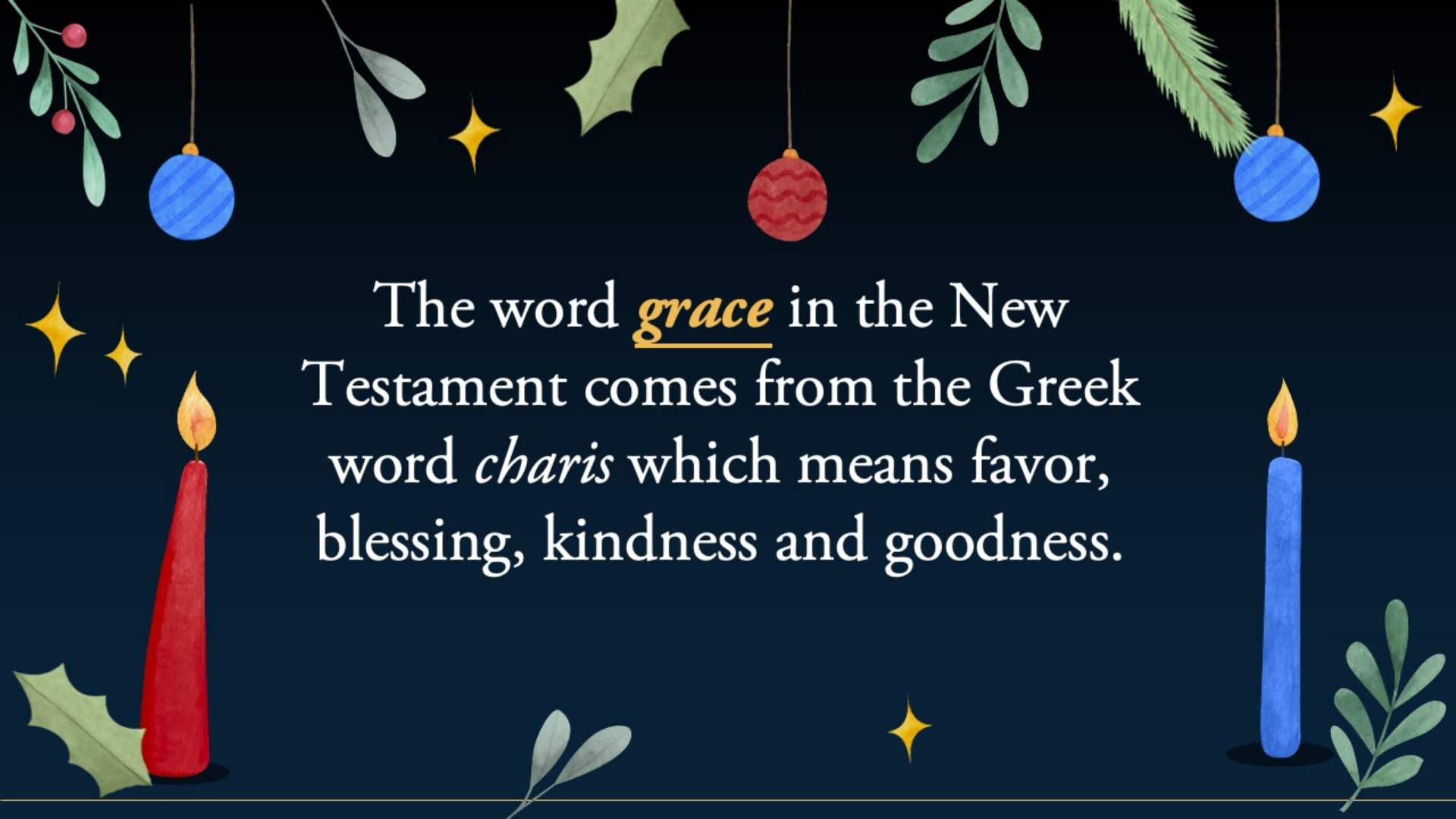




GIFTS THE LIGHT CAME TO GIVE

The Light gives the
gift of *Grace.*










The word grace in the New Testament comes from the Greek word *charis* which means favor, blessing, kindness and goodness.

Grace is God choosing to give favor, blessing, kindness and goodness rather than curse us as our sin deserves. It is benevolence to the undeserving.







Ephesians 2:8 NLT

⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.



John
1:16-17 ESV

¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

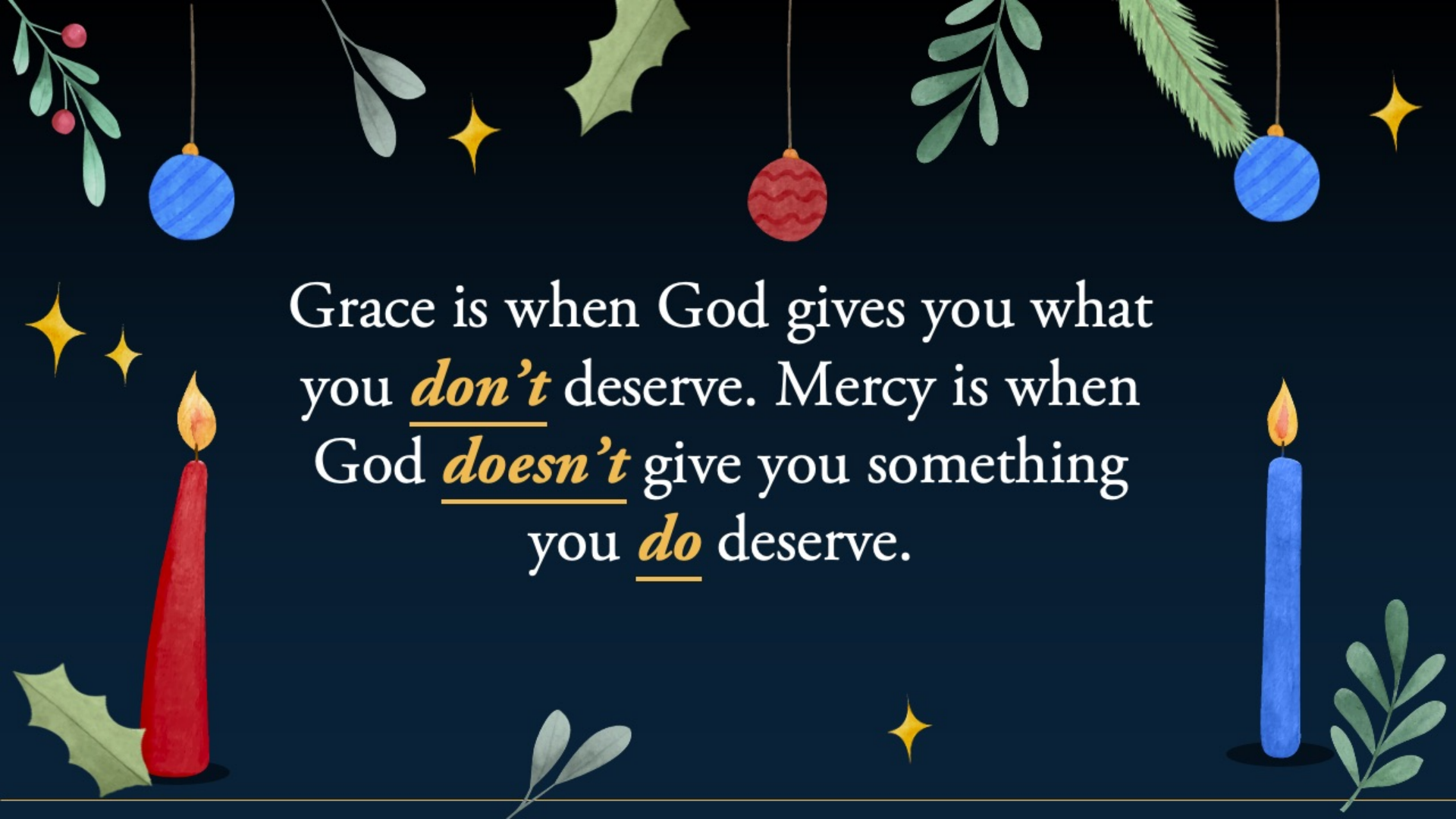






GIFTS THE LIGHT CAME TO GIVE

The Light gives the
gift of *Mercy*.





Grace is when God gives you what
you don't deserve. Mercy is when
God doesn't give you something
you do deserve.





Titus

3:5 NLT

⁵He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.



1 Peter

1:3a NLT

³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.






GIFTS THE LIGHT CAME TO GIVE

The Light gives the
gift of Hope.



John
8:11a NLT

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 - ◆ He gave her a word of hope to speak against the shame that would later likely threaten to overwhelm her life.
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Re-gifting the gifts
from The Light.










Ephesians

4:31-32 NLT

³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.










Matthew

18:32-35 NLT




³²Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.





Matthew
18:32-35 NLT

³⁵“That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”





1 Peter
3:15a NIV

¹⁵Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.



Romans
6:23 ESV

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

