

SOCKS and UNDERWEAR

Gift Received



John 1:1-2 & 11-13

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning”

“He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.”



¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:12-13



Receive

Λαμβάνω - to receive or accept an object or benefit for which the initiative rests with the giver, but the focus of attention in the transfer is upon the receiver—‘to receive, receiving, to accept.’

- Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Vol. 1: Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: Based on semantic domains (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition.) (571). New York: United Bible Societies.



Beleive

πιστεύω: *to believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance—‘to believe in, to have confidence in, to have faith in, to trust, faith, trust.’*

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Receive with Gratitude . . .

- ❖ Gratitude is an attitude
- ❖ Gratitude gives birth to action
- ❖ Gratitude makes sure that the attention is properly directed

. . . *you didn't pay for it*

Receive with Humility . . .

❖ A bitter pill

❖ The threshold to abundant life

¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable
gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

. . . you can't afford it

Receive with Joy . . .

- ❖ The language of adoption

- ❖ Does away with the language of *earning*

- ❖ As adopted children we have a choice of focus

- ❖ The ultimate truth is that you weren't chosen because of anything that you did - but because God is who He is

. . . *you don't deserve it*

Sow What . .

- ❖ Have you received God's gift?
- ❖ What adverb would best describe your response to God's greatest gift?
- ❖ How can you let others know about God's amazing gift in this Advent season?

