

# North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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## Outline:

### "You're Here"

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**Jesus was born to die, for He is the Christ.**

### **Eze 28:16**

*"By the abundance of your [Satan] trade [rekhulla - merchandise] you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire."*

**"Ho, Ho, Ho - Santa's Religion!" 12/21/14**

### **Context of 2Co 9**

Paul was commending the Corinthians for taking an offering for the believers in Jerusalem who were in need. He was also calling them back to their original eagerness to give, as they had been sidetracked by false teaching.

### **"covetousness"**

from pleonexia - means greediness, lust; refers to the natural desire to keep valuables for self; is indicative of selfish, prideful unbelievers, but shouldn't be for believers who give from a root of gratitude for Christ

### **Christmas and 2Co 9:6**

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### **"cheerful"**

from hilaros - properly, propitious; disposed because satisfied - describing someone who is cheerfully ready to act because already approving; describes spontaneously non-reluctant giving. (Strong's) cheerful, joyous, prompt to do anything

### **Witnessing for Christ**

One of the most beautiful things to ever see in time is a truly giving heart.

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### **Grace**

You already possess everything you could possibly need to give this Christmas!

### **Christmas Giving**

It's true, Christmas is the season of giving. Giving what, though? The answer is love. Love doesn't cost a dime and no believer is without it this Christmas.

### **Christmas Giving**

Love is the least expensive, most valuable gift ever given. The well never runs dry, the account is never over-drafted, the givers are never broke.

### **"every good deed"**

What's the GREATEST of ALL good deeds? "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you" (John 15:12). The answer is "to love".

### **The Gift of Giving**

The needy receivers in Jerusalem will realize that God had worked through the Corinthians by grace. The same goes today when we give in any way with the heart of Jesus Christ - love.

### **It's Good to Be Alive**

Aren't you glad to be alive? Better yet, aren't you glad to be alive "in Christ" this Christmas? Amen! - share the joy, share your life, your heart, your love this season!