

Gift – Pt 3 the gift of God – salvation

This is our third and final study on the word “gift”. In our previous study we established – (1) We give good gifts to our children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us good things to them that ask, (2) the gift of God is living water – the Holy Ghost, and (3) the gifts of the Holy Spirit differ between brethren according to the grace we are given In this study we establish three points – (1) thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift – His Son, (2) we receive the gift of eternal life, and (3) the free gift of righteousness by Jesus Christ.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” (2 Cor.9: 15).

2. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

“For the wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God is eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom.6: 23). “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son” (1 John 5:11).

3. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)” (Rom 5:17).

Illustration

Friday night a young lady in a group of about eight heard a preacher on Queens street and came over to mock the work and quiz him on his views regarding same-sex marriage. But the preacher new that they only came over to tempt him, so quoted from the scriptures of truth they replied– no that is just your interpretation. He offered them the scriptures to read for themselves, but they understood that he spoke not with his own authority, but from the word of God. From that moment on the atmosphere changed, they were no longer aggressive. The preacher gave one (Jazzi) a gift – a copy of the scriptures and proceeded to explain that it was like that which God has given – His Son a free gift, you either receive Him or you reject Him, just as Jazzzi received the gift of scriptures it was God’s hope that they would receive and believe His Son. They got the link, asked for prayer and left..

Questions to think about.

What other gift can you think of that the scriptures do not specifically call a gift – but is one?

Answers from the scriptures

The gift of sonship, where one day we are an enemy of God, we are free from righteousness and the next moment we are a child of God, a son of the Father, and heirs to the promises in Christ! The gift of Sonship is only available once we receive the gift of His Son, once we believe the glorious gospel of Christ–crucified! One of the joys of this festive season, where the “traditional” churches celebrate the birth of Christ and the world remove His name out of “Christmas”, we have opportunities to challenge others on what Christmas means, and sow a seed of the gift of God.

So, let us use this time to speak of the greatest gift of all – God’s unspeakable gift – His Son, from which we receive the Holy Ghost, the righteousness of Christ, sonship, salvation, and eternal life, and much more! Amen!