

GOD THE GIFT GIVER

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Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that ***pertain unto life and godliness***, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1. **When you are born into the family of God, you are complete.** God gives you everything you will ever need, “for life and godliness.” Nothing has to be added! “And ye are complete in Him” (Col 2:10).
2. **Nothing added.** Just as a normal baby is born with all the “equipment” he needs for life and only needs to grow, so the Christian has all that is needed and only needs to grow. God never has to call back any of His “models” because something is lacking or faulty.

GOD'S NATURE IS TO GIVE

1. **No higher expression of love could ever be given. He gave us his Life:**

John 15:23; “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

2. John 3:16; “God so love the world that he gave his only begotten Son”.
3. 1 John 3:16; “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His live for us.”

WE DID NOT CHOOSE HIM, HE CHOSE US

Deu 7:7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:

Deu 7:8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Joh 15:16 **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,** and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

1 John 4:19; “We love Him, because He first loved us.”

JESUS IS BOTH GIFT AND GIVER

1. Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last.
2. He's the Bread and the Water.
3. He's the Root and He is the offspring of David.
4. He's the Saviour and the Soon Coming King.
5. He is the Door and He is the Way.
6. He's the Truth and the Light.
7. He is the Wonderful, Counselor
8. He is the Mighty God and the Everlasting Father.
9. He's the Great I AM and the only Wise God.

10. He's is a river of water in a dry place, as He is the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
11. He is My Kinsman Redeemer and the Great High Priest.
12. He is both Lord and Christ
13. He is the Good Shepherd, Great Shepherd and He is my Shepherd.

HE GAVE THE GIFT OF MINISTRY TO THE CHURCH

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

1. The Ministers Job is to preach the Word of God with out fear or favor.

HE TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE AND GIVE

Act 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

Act 20:36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Luk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2Co 8:2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

2Co 8:3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;

2Co 8:4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

Joh 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

2Co 9:15 Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Luk 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Luk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luk 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luk 24:50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

Luk 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Luk 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

Luk 24:53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

THE GIFT OF CHOICE

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Deu 30:20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

1. **Choices determine our eternal destiny:** We either choose to do God's will in our life or we choose to do our own will. It is us that determine that choice.

Ki 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between **two opinions**? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

2. **We Choose:** To be spiritual and on fire, or to be carnal, lukewarm, indifferent, or backslidden in our hearts. **THE CHOICE IS OURS**