God's Gift

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INTRODUCTION

- Did any of you in that second question think about salvation? Because that is the greatest gift of all.
- It is, as Paul calls it in 2 Corinthians 9 15, an indescribable gift.
- If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, give me a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

1 Defining God's Gift

Revelation 22:17; Revelation 21:6–7; Acts 2:38

- A thing given willingly to someone without payment.
- Let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.
- You don't have enough money to buy salvation with all the money in the whole wide world.
- Salvation has been purchased for us by the blood of Christ, which was shed to purchase the church of God.
- Without cost does not mean without condition.

2 Describing the Gift of God

Ephesians 2:8–10; Romans 3:23–24; Romans 6:23

- The gift of God is described as a gift of salvation.
- For by grace you have been saved through faith. And that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- The gift is also described as a gift of justification.
- What does it mean to be justified? It means to be made righteous in the sight of God.
- Though our body dies, our spirit lives forever, and we have eternal life. What else could possibly be compared to that gift?

3 Recognize the Gift for What It Is

Ephesians 1:18–19

- I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened. So that you will know what is the hope of your calling.
- Look around at the spiritual blessings that God has given you. Not the physical, I'm talking about the spiritual.
- We need to realize the treasure that lays before us and realize that God wants it to be heaped up upon us.

4 Treasure That Gift

Colossians 3:1

- Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.
- Why would we place all of the importance on things that are going to burn? Because heaven's not going to burn.
- For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world? And forfeits his soul.

5 Sacrifice for the Gift

Matthew 13:44

- The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field which a man found and hid, and from joy over it, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
- Sacrifice is necessary. David said, I will not give to the Lord that which costs me nothing.
- Are we willing to give up whatever it might be that is in the way of our obtaining of that gift of salvation?

6 Be Thankful for the Gift

2 Corinthians 9:15

- We carry around with us this blessing of eternal life, justification, and here we are with this gift, and we moan and complain about things in this physical life.
- If you really believe that you have eternal life, you would live a joyful life and a thankful life.
- Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **As long as you have the gift of God that is salvation. That's what really matters. If you don't, why not? You can have it. It's right here.**

MY NOTES