

**GOD'S**  
*Unspeakable*  
**GIFT**

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As people throughout the world (not just Christians) get ready to celebrate Christmas, my prayer for us this day, as every day, is that we celebrate HIM, and that we keep our eyes upon HIM. May this always be the condition of our heart.

2 Corinthians 9:15 – “ *Thanks be unto God for **HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.***” Now we know that God so loved... He gave. John 3:16 – “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*” God’s nature is to give. And He gave of Himself: He gave HIS SON. Now the word “gift” of course, means ‘a present’; but it is interesting that it comes from a word meaning ‘a sacrifice, an offering’. He gave the sacrifice that is acceptable to Himself! And notice the word is gift (singular); not giftS (plural). All that God gives is brought together in this ONE GIFT – this indescribable, awesome, ‘better than good’ gift – HIS SON! There aren’t words enough to tell of the greatness of THIS Gift!

Paul is not speaking of things that God gives, but a PERSON. He gave us a Person; and in and by this Person, God gave us what we did not have, and what we could NOT obtain by ourselves. Isn’t that the best gift?

So let us see what the scripture tells us about this unsearchable gift.

2 Peter 1:2-4 – “***Grace and peace** be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. 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**: 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.*” Look at all that we get through the knowledge of Him.

1 John 5:11,12 – “ *And this is the record, that God **hath given to us eternal life**, and this **life** is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*” He has given us LIFE – in His Son.

John 10:10 – “... *I am come that (purpose) they might have life, and have it more abundantly.*” That means He alone came that we would be possessing life, and possessing it in superabundance. His Life is superabundant Life – greater than our soul life.

And this Life brings us not only to “live” unto ourselves, but into a relationship with God as FATHER. No one else but HIM could do that!

1 John 3:1 – “ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons (children) of God...” By our natural birth we are NOT children of God, but by receiving God’s gift we can be. John 1:12,13 – “ But as many as received **HIM**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, not of the will of man, but of GOD.”

This is God’s unspeakable gift! But this is not a treat deserved because we were “good little boys and girls”. We deserved NOTHING; we were dead! We were dead in trespasses and sins and incapable of saving ourselves, or coming to life. Ephesians 2:1-6 – “ And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind: and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. **BUT GOD**, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us (at the Cross), Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” It is out of the abundance of HIS grace and mercy that He saved us!

God’s abundant grace sent His Son – as the gift, as the sacrifice He would accept, and HE died the death that we could not die, and as He became us at that death, we became partakers of that death. And now by that death we can be free from sin and death, and can be raised up in and by His Life. NO ONE ELSE could have done that! That’s HIS gift!

Look at the greatness of HIS gift. He became US, and He did for us what we couldn’t do for ourselves.

Philippians 2:7,8 – “ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” HIS obedience was for my disobedience. HE became obedient to what I could not be obedient to – that death. And now by HIM, I can be obedient to God, for the OBEDIENT ONE now dwells in me!

2 Corinthians 5:21 – “ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; THAT (here’s the purpose) we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

We who were unrighteous before God, are made righteous by HIM. HE is our righteousness!

Hebrews 2:14,15 – “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy** (bring to nought) **him** that had the power of death, that is, the devil: And **deliver them** who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*” Now by HIS death – as us, we are released from the bondage of death. What a gift!

Even the Law and religion couldn’t do that. Romans 8:2-4,1 – “*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*” I pray that we really can appreciate what this gift has done for us – no one else, or nothing else could have done what Christ has done!

And now just briefly, concerning God’s gift and the whole issue of a “Christmas tree”. The only tree we really should be celebrating (and we should be doing that every day), is THE CROSS! Galatians 3:13,14 – “*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.*” He did that by becoming us – being born in the flesh; what we are ‘celebrating’ at Christmas – for a purpose. “*That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*” If it wasn’t for HIM we would still be under the curse of the Law!

I am not condemning Christmas trees and giving gifts, but it’s interesting to me that today the whole tradition of Christmas with the tree and gifts – even with Christians who should know better, is still based upon another tree that someone partook of many years ago. I’m talking about Adam: he didn’t eat of the Tree of Life, but the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And isn’t that part of the Christmas tree and gift tradition – with Santa Claus and not Christ as the focal point? Santa makes a list of who is naughty and nice, and we try to do good things for people, and refrain from evil; and we talk of peace and give gifts... but it all comes from the wrong tree!

We as Christians should be daily celebrating another tree – The Tree of Life, The Cross, and we should be daily sharing love, joy, peace, Life, etc. Why? Because we have received HIS unspeakable gift – not in a season on a calendar, but in an eternal, everlasting, glorious New Day! God’s unspeakable Gift is Christ – not just born as a baby; but **BORN TO DIE**. Christ crucified is His gift.

May we not reject THAT gift. John 3:17-19 – “ *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*”

But may we live in the glorious Light, Life and Truth of **CHRIST – GOD’S UNSEARCHABLE GIFT!**

Amen.