

GOD'S BEST GIFT TO MANKIND

2 Corinthians 9:15

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Everyone gives and receives gifts and everyone has his/her own standards of evaluation as to the value of that gift given or received. God has given us a lot of things but there is one gift that surpasses all that God has given or can possibly give and that gift is His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Sadly it seems that today's Christians don't share the same feelings and views concerning Jesus and His gospel. We are assembled today hopefully to give thanks to God, so what shall we thank Him for? For what should we thank God or lift our voices in joy and praise?

If we were stripped of every other earthly blessing, we still have cause for joy and thankfulness and reason to praise God for the unspeakable gift He has given us, His Son. Paul lay in the gloomy dungeon of Philippi, his body torn with scourges and his feet chained, he still finds reason to thank God for Jesus, who caused him to be in prison.

Who of us then can pretend that we have no reason to be thankful? Should we not as well as Paul, bless God for His Son, Jesus Christ? Should we not put away every ungrateful feeling, every complaining thought and cry with Paul, *"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift?"*

I. JESUS CHRIST IS THE GIFT OF GOD TO MANKIND

1. A gift or present is something freely offered to someone who has no claim to it, expecting nothing in return and not expecting that it would be given back.
 - A gift is given freely, without obligation to offer it or to fulfill some promise.
 - A gift is offered to those who have no claim to it or can justly deserve it.
 - It is not given in payment for some accrued debt, nor is it some sort of exchange or payment of a bribe nor is it a loan.
2. Jesus Christ is a gift of God to mankind.
 - Valuable, given freely, under no obligation to give, not payment of some sort, nor expectation of something given back for all that anyone has already belongs to God anyhow.
 - God offers His Son to be ours, forever.
3. God was under no obligation to provide a savior for sinful mankind.
 - Jesus is the gift of God, freely delivering Him up for us all, even though we were His enemies, Jesus died for us.
 - *"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish..."*
 - Nothing is said about payment of a debt or payment of some sort, God's gift is the outflow of His love and grace.
4. Why did God give such a gift to such a sinful mankind?
 - We are all children of ignorance, need a Divine teacher, are children of disobedience and need a Divine sanctifier, children of wrath and need a Divine redeemer.
 - Therefore we cannot thank God enough for His unspeakable gift.

II. WHY IS GOD'S GIFT TO MANKIND CALLED "UNSPEAKABLE?"

1. The LOVE which led God to bestow such a gift upon mankind is unspeakable great.
 - The scriptures do not say that God loved the world fervently, greatly, immeasurably nor do they say that God so loved the world that He preserves, supports and fills with blessings as proof of His goodness.
 - The scriptures say that *"...God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."*
 - God is higher than the heavens and far excels what He has created and thus His love for His Son far surpasses that which any parent could feel for his/her children.
 - If God can love His enemies, how much more must He love His only begotten Son and how much must He love this world of people since He gave up His beloved Son to die on a cross for us.

2. The LOVE of Jesus is also unspeakable because His worth and excellence are unspeakable great.
 - In giving us Jesus, God has given us Himself and all that He possesses and therefore all who receive God's gift of His Son, are said to be filled with the fullness of God for God has nothing more valuable to give.
 - In giving us Jesus, God gives us countless other blessings which we enjoy.
 - peace, gladness, happiness, eternal life, heaven, spiritual favors and blessings, filled with His Holy Spirit.
 - Since Jesus is so precious to God, then all that is given to the believer can be said to be given through God's unspeakable gift, His Son.

3. God's gift, Jesus Christ, is unspeakable valuable to those who believe in Him.
 - The value of a gift to the person who receives it depends upon his/her own circumstances.
 - The gift coming just at a time of need.
 - Jesus is an unspeakable precious gift to us for we were doomed, damned and on our way to a devil's hell and nothing could stop our doom except God's gift of a savior.
 - Jesus, God's gift to mankind was made a curse for sinful man and through Him those who believe in Him are delivered from eternal wrath.
 - Yes, to believers in Jesus Christ, He is an unspeakable gift.

4. God's gift of Jesus Christ is an unspeakable gift because of the countless spiritual blessings enjoyed by those who believe in Him.
 - The spiritual and eternal blessings which God imparts to those who accept His unspeakable gift are gifts of pardon of all their sins, accepted as if they had never sinned, brought out of darkness and ignorance into God's shining light, given eternal life, filled with God's Holy Spirit, and countless other blessings too numerous to list at this time.
 - What more could God do? What is there left to desire?
 - Who can deny that God's gift of His Son, Jesus may justly be called an unspeakable gift?

CONCLUSION:

1. Those who have received God's unspeakable gift, Jesus Christ, should have unspeakable gratitude.
2. Let every believer in Jesus Christ exclaim with Paul, *"...Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift..."*
3. If anyone here has yet to receive God's unspeakable gift, it is offered to you this very moment.