



The Gift **December 9, 2007**

Sermon Notes

Thankful: *conscious* of benefit (gift) received

1 Corinthians 2:9 (Amplified Bible)

9But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, **What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].**

The Gift Series

- Appreciation of the Gift - Perception
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- Adoration of the Gift giver - Power

The Gift – Introduction

- What is the Gift?
- Who has the Gift?
- Where is the Gift?
- How do I get the Gift?

The Gift – A Definition

- a favor which one receives without any merit of his own
- the gift of divine grace
- the gift of faith, knowledge, holiness, virtue
- the economy of divine grace, by which the pardon of sin and eternal salvation is appointed to sinners in consideration of the merits of Christ laid hold of by faith
- grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling them to serve the church of Christ, the reception of which is due to the power of divine grace operating on their souls by the Holy Spirit

What is the Gift?

Ecclesiastes 3:11-15

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. *12* I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. ***13 That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil--this is the gift of God.*** *14* I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

15 Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

18 Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. **19 Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God.** 20 He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but **the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the **gift** of God--

Who Has the Gift?

1 Corinthians 7:7

I wish that all men were as I am. But **each man has his own gift from God**; one has this **gift**, another has that.

Where is the Gift?

2 Timothy 1:6

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

How Do I Get the Gift?

Matthew 7:7-8 (Amplified Bible)

7 Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened.

1 Timothy 4:14

Do not neglect your **gift**, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable **gift!**

What Do I Do With My Gift?

1 Peter 4:10

Each one should use whatever **gift** he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.