

# **The Gift That Keeps On Giving!**

**2 Corinthians 8 v 1 – 9** "...So, just as you aim to excel in everything else – in faith, in testimony, in scriptural knowledge, in complete honesty and in your love for one another – see that you also excel in this **grace of giving.**"

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- i) The **Privilege** of Giving  
**v 4** "...the privilege of sharing in this service to the brothers and sisters in Christ..."
- ii) The **Priority** of Giving  
**v 5** "...and they gave themselves, first, to the Lord..."
- iii) The **Principles** of Giving  
**v 8** "...I want you to test the sincerity of your love..."

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**2 Corinthians 8 v 10 - 15** "...for if the willingness is there, then the gift is acceptable, according to what one has, and not according to what one does not have." **v 12**

- i) **Desire** to Give  
**v 10** "...have the desire in your hearts to do so..."
- ii) **Decide** to Give  
**v 11** "...show it in your eager willingness to do it..."
- iii) **Duty** to Give  
**v 13** "...that by giving, there will be an equality..."

**Proverbs 18 v 16** "A gift opens up opportunities for the giver, it ushers him into a greater place."

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# God's Gift to Us

## **Ephesians 1 v 3 – 10**

"...by His grace, He has freely given to us...

- *God's complete undeserved love*

in Him we have redemption through His blood,

- *God's complete way of salvation*

the forgiveness of sins,

- *God's complete forgiveness*

in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He has lavished upon us..."

- *God's complete pouring out of Himself*

Man's perception of God is that of Santa Claus!

Gimme, gimme, gimme!

We live in a world of "You give, I take".

He gives us the title of His heirs

He gives good gifts to His children

He gives us His Holy Spirit to be our Comforter/Guide

## God's gift is Love

**John 3 v 16 – 21** "So loved...that He gave His only Son..."

God's gift does not have –

An invoice – the price has been paid

## God's gift is Limitless

**Romans 8 v 32** "He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all; so, then, how will He not also, in His grace, give us all things we need".

God's gift does not have –

A list of exceptions – this gift is unlimited

## God's gift is Living

**John 14 v 17 – 19** "You know Him, for He lives in you...and because I live, you will also live, and you will understand that I am alive in the Father, and you are alive in Me, and I am alive in you."

God's gift does not have –

A time limit – God's gift to us is Everlasting Life

## **Our Gift to God**

**Romans 12 v 1** "Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God..."

The thing about a sacrifice – it's total, all or nothing!

**1 Samuel 3 v 1 – 10 - SAMUEL** (his calling)

**v 10** "Speak to me, Lord, for Your servant is listening."

**1 Samuel 17 v 23 – 51 - DAVID** (and Goliath)

**v 45** "I come against you in the strength of the Lord."

**Luke 1 v 26 – 38 - MARY** (to bear Jesus)

**v 38** "I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said."

**John 6 v 1 – 13 - BOY** (with his picnic at the feeding of the 5,000)

**v 9** "...here is a boy with five loaves and two fishes, but what is that among so many?"

Christ's sacrifice for us was complete:

**Hebrews 10 v 10 – 14** "...we have been made holy by the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, once and for all...(v 14) because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever, those who are being made holy."