

That Which Is Freely Given To US By God (1)

Introduction

- A. The Bible often uses the words "gift", "give", "grace" and "free" to remind us that there are many things which are freely given to us by God.

Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:24

- B. The Love of God is an action. The product of this activity of God is what the Bible calls "grace". The grace of God is free – we cannot merit these gifts of grace – we can only receive them in gratitude and repentance and by faith.
- C. Some of these free gifts of grace relate to our salvation and some to the daily life. The former are the basis of assurance and the latter need to be received and implemented daily.

I. The Biblical Basis for This Lesson.

- A. It is the message of Redemption, Romans 8:32.

He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Observation: God gave His Son to die as our Substitute on the Cross. Having chosen to give His Son it is quite inconceivable that God would withhold some blessing from His children. All of the provision of God is found in His Son.

- B. It is the message of the Holy Spirit. I Cor. 2:12.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Observation: One of the purposes of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to teach us that God has freely given many things to us in Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:3). It is the express will of God that we know and enjoy these gracious provisions of God.

- C. It is the message of salvation, II Peter 1:3.

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.

Observation: The divine power referred to in this verse is not the attribute of God's omnipotence. It is rather the power of His work in Jesus Christ. The power of God's grace is rooted in the Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost.

D. It is the Message of sanctification (the daily life).

Note all of the above verses.

Observation: What God has given us in the New Birth forms the foundation for assurance, enjoyment and enablement in the daily life. The believer is rich indeed in spiritual provision.

II. That Which Is Freely Given in Salvation.

A. Salvation itself, Ephesians 2:8,9.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.

Observation: Salvation is a gift – it is freely given to all who will receive it. We cannot merit God's gifts of forgiveness and righteousness.

B. Adoption into the family of God, John 1:12.

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.

Observation: Adoption, the status of sonship, is given to all those who humbly believe or receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord!

C. The fullness of eternal life, John 10:28.

And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

Observation: This is not only a promise, – but it is a reality to all who have received Jesus Christ. The believer possesses eternal life.

D. The fullness of peace with God, John 14:27.

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Observation: This peace freely given by Jesus Christ is His peace. He obtained it for us by His sacrificial death in our place. The Christian is at peace with God.

E. The fullness of the assurance of salvation, I John 5:11-13.

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. These things have I written unto you that believe . . . that ye may know that ye have eternal life

Observation: God's wants you to have this assurance based on His provision and His Word. "The gift of God is eternal life • • * • " Rm. 6:23

F. The victory over death, I Cor. 15:55-57.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Observation: Jesus Christ has conquered your penalty of death.

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