

That Which Is Freely Given To Us By God (2)

Introduction

- A. The message of grace, in the Bible, teaches us that God has graciously given us many possessions and gifts of great value.
- B. Some of God's gifts are given to the believing sinner in connection with salvation. The initial work of salvation is a gift, as well as adoption, eternal life, peace with God, assurance of salvation and victory over death.
- C. God has also given the believer important and valuable gifts so he may live a successful Christian life. The Holy Spirit has been sent to teach us and to enable us to utilize these gifts of grace for the glory of God, 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.

I. That Which Is Freely Given To The Believer For Sanctification (Daily Life).

- A. The assurance of eternal life, 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: It is God'S express will that every Christian have this assurance. God is a God of Truth - not doubt, error or confusion.

- B. The sealing presence of the Holy Spirit, II Cor. 1:22.

Who hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Observation: This gift stamps the believer as the genuine article and assures him of the permanence of this relationship with God.

- C. The help and instruction of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Romans 5:5.

And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us.

Observation: The Holy Spirit has come to be the believers' Helper. His presence and ministry tons is a gift of the Grace of God. We qualify for His help if we honestly desire it.

- D. The gifts of the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 4:7.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Observation: Every believer has a divine enablement whereby he can fulfill the commission God has given him.

D. The example of loving service, John 13:15.

For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you.

Observation: The Lord Jesus Christ washed the Disciples' feet! This is our example. All deeds of humble loving service are our privileges. We may not allow our pride to keep us from obeying God.

F. The enablement of the grace of God, I Corinthians 1:4.

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.

Observation: God's love is an activity which produced the grace of God. This term refers to all of God's provision. The believer has all of the rights and privileges of sonship.

G. The new commandment, John 13:34,35.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Observation: Love is not an option -- we may not vote on this issue! We must choose (make a decision of faith) to love (treat one another as a person) one another. When we so choose then we have the grace to obey.

H. The eternal, purposeful and gracious calling of God, II Timothy 1:9*

Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Observation: All believers are "called" to live for God's glory. Our gifts and commission differ – but all have been called.

I. The privilege of suffering for Jesus Christ, Philippians 1:29.

But unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

Observation: Not all suffering is that of martyrdom. The abhorrence of sin and the rejection of God's grace in our ministry to non-Christians is also a part of this suffering.

II. What Did God Give To Make These Free Gifts Possible?

A. God gave His Son, John 3:16.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son

B. God gave His Word, John 17:8*

For I have given unto them the Words which Thou gavest Me

C. God gave all believers to the Son, John 17:11*

Holy Father, keep . . . those whom Thou hast given Me

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