

A Gift Pt 2 The gift of the Spirit & eternal life (free)

This is our second study on the topic of gifts. In our first teaching we established– (i) To whom we give gifts, and why, shows our heart, (ii) the wicked man’s purpose in giving a gift is to pervert judgment, and (iii) the wise man’s purpose in giving a gift is to bless.

In this study we establish a further three points– (i) the gift from God is the Holy Ghost, (ii) the free gift is of many offences unto justification, and (iii) We are given spiritual gifts that differ according to the grace that is given to us.

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our points–

1. The gift from God is the Holy Ghost

The Father’s gift to His children that ask Him– is the Holy Spirit– “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” (Lk 11: 13).

2. The free gift is of many offences unto justification

“And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification” (Rom.5:16).

3. Each is given spiritual gifts that differ according to the grace that is given to us.

“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us” (Rom 12:6)

Illustration

An important difference between the Christian’s hope and all other false, man–made religions is the gift of eternal life. For example– Mormon’s believe– “Eternal life is the phrase used in scripture to define the quality of life that our Eternal Father lives...Like immortality, this gift is made possible through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. However, to inherit eternal life requires our ‘obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel’ (Articles of Faith 1:3)” <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org>

Questions of the scriptures

1 Corinthians 12:31 says– “But covet earnestly the best gifts”.

i) What spiritual gifts are the best? ii) Why do people reject God’s gift of eternal life?

Answers from the scriptures

i) Covet those gifts that edify– 1Cor 13:2– “And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries...and have not charity, I am nothing”

Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts–1 Cor 14:1– “Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy”. WHY?– 1 Cor.14: 3– “But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

ii) They reject God’s free gift of eternal life because Satan has BLINDED their minds “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Cor.4: 4).

They reject God’s free gift because Satan has beguiled and corrupted their minds “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted” (2Cor 11:3).

Be not deceived, but rejoice, and remain steadfast in the hope of eternal life for– ALL the gifts of God are FREE, they **cannot** be purchased– the greatest gift of all– God’s unspeakable gift – His Son, He purchased us by His blood! From which all other gifts flow– the Holy Ghost, spiritual gifts, justification & the gift of eternal life.