

Gifts of God

Introduction

1. Christians among all the people in the world have so very much to be thankful to God for.
2. God has given us so many precious gifts and we should thank Him continually for all that He has given to us.
3. Let us take some time this afternoon to reflect on many of the gifts that we have and continue to enjoy from Him.

Material Gifts

1. The food we enjoy and need in order to live.

Matthew 6:25-26 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

2. The rain that is provided for us.

Matthew 5:45for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

3. The good health that we have been given over the years.
Philippians 2:25-30

4. Peaceful sleep as we can have comfort knowing we are His.

Proverbs 3:23-24 Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble. **When you lie down, you will not be afraid;** Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.

5. The gifts of God includes “all things” in which we can truly be glad.

1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, **nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God,** who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

6. As we live our lives in this world that He created we have needs. Another of God’s gifts is that he helps take care of our needs.

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall **supply all your need according to His riches** in glory by Christ Jesus.

Spiritual Gifts

1. I believe among all the wonderful spiritual gifts that we receive from our heavenly Father is the gift of His beloved Son!

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2. We are blessed to have also received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

3. God gives us the gift of Grace.

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

A. Grace: "the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings."

4. We can be thankful that when we ask God for wisdom that He provides this needed gift to us.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

5. As God did long ago, He grants us the opportunity to repent – allowing us to be forgiven and gain our heavenly home.

Acts 11:17-18 If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God? When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

6. We all definitely need to increase our faith and God provides this spiritual gift for us also.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

7. The gift of Peace.

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and **the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8. We will one day be called to His eternal GLORY and that is another blessed gift that we have from our Father.

1 Peter 5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

9. As we labor diligently during our lifetime in our service to God, He is looking forward to the day that we will be rewarded with the gift that we are all longing for!

A. Rest and Eternal Life.

Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

Hebrews 4:9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

John 10:28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Conclusion

- 1. I hope everyone of us can clearly see how much we are loved.**
 - 2. Our Father has given us so many wonderful gifts to enjoy now and take with us through eternity.**
 - 3. May we never take Him for granted. Love Him, Serve Him throughout our stay here on earth – a place we He blesses us constantly.**
 - 4. The Love of God is greater — far above anything else!**
- A. Stay the course, stay committed!**

