
Sermon Notes

“The Gift is for the Glory of God!”

Discipleship Training Series: "The Gift: You are Gifted for the Harvest!" [Training #1 of 6]

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Ephesians 1:3-14

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³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Come back next week for training #2 of this special 6-week discipleship training series called, “The Gift!” to learn more about how you have been ‘Gifted for the Harvest’. Are you ready to take the next step in your journey? Are you ready to see how God is calling you to a great purpose? Are you ready to learn your spiritual gifts and be empowered to use them? Join with us and let’s step out in faith together.



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“Intentionally following Jesus Christ by making disciples”

THE FATHER'S GIFT!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**"
- Ephesians 1:3

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

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God**; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.**"
- Ephesians 2:8-10

The Father has chosen you to receive His Gift for His Glory!

THE SON'S PROMISE!

"In Him **we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us."
- Ephesians 1:7-8

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." - John 14:12-13

In receiving the Gift of Jesus Christ you receive the forgiveness of your sins by the Father's grace. In an outpouring of God's love you are saved ('born again') by the indwelling presence of the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), Who then begins a process of demonstrating in you, through your MATURITY and MINISTRY, God's Glory on earth!

THE SPIRIT'S WORK!

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, **you were sealed in Him**

[authenticated] with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory." - Ephesians 1:13-14

EVERY BELIEVER RECEIVES ALL THE COLLECTIVE "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT" WHICH DEMONSTRATE YOUR MATURITY IN CHRIST!

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."
- Galatians 5:22-23

WHY FRUIT? The Fruit of the Spirit is the character of Jesus Christ given to us at the time of our salvation by the Holy Spirit, so that as we MATURE in our relationship with Jesus Christ we display the Glory of God as His Church.

EVERY BELIEVER RECEIVES AT LEAST ONE, IF NOT MORE OF THE, "GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT" WHICH DEMONSTRATE YOUR MINISTRY FOR CHRIST!

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
- 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7

"We are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."
- Ephesians 4:15-16

WHY GIFTS? The Gifts of the Spirit are the MINISTRY given to us at the time of our salvation for the sake of building up the Body of Christ in love and unity, so that the Glory of God may be displayed in us, His Church!