

THE GIFT

Jesus is the Gift of God to us.

When we give a gift to someone else, we expect a response back, although we don't always get the response we were hoping for.

God expects a certain response from us because of His Gift to us.

He expects us to respond by receiving Jesus.

His Gift of Jesus is not for the purpose of controlling your life, it is for the purpose of saving your life.

The motivation for God's Gift to us is love.

God does not give to us according to what we deserve.

God gave us mercy in the form of His son Jesus Christ.

We often give gifts at Christmas time because of a feeling of obligation.

That is not at all the way God gives His son Jesus.

We should have an attitude of giving all the time, not just on special occasions.

As we see the needs of others, we need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit whether we are to meet that particular need for them.

God gave His son to meet our need.

There is no greater love than that, no greater sacrifice than that.

God gave us the right to become children of God, but the only way to exercise that right, the only way to become a child of God is to receive Jesus, His Gift.

When you get a gift, normally you would unwrap it, open it, discover it, see what it is.

We need to discover Jesus.

We all need to change in some area of our lives, but sometimes the change cannot come until healing comes.

Sometimes we can't change ourselves, we can only be changed by the Gift.

We must receive the Gift, abide in the Gift, remain in the Gift and receive the healing and remember the healing and remain in the healing.

Out of the healing that He does, comes the change that we cannot make happen ourselves.

Hang out with the Gift, be healed by the Gift, be changed by the Gift.

When we receive such an amazing gift, we should want to give something back.

But what can we give to the God who already has everything?

God doesn't need anything we have.

The only thing of real value that we can give to God is ourselves.

God gave himself to us, we need to give ourselves to God in return.

That's the only thing that God can't have unless you give it to Him.

We need to give ourselves to Him.

That means more than giving our abilities, our talents, our time and our devotion.

It means laying down our lives before God.

What does God expect us to do in response to His gift of Jesus to us?

1. Receive the Gift, receive Jesus.
2. Remain with the Gift or in the Gift.
3. Re-present Him – by giving the gift of yourself.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Titus 3:4-5

John 1:12

John 9

John 15:4

John 10:17-18

Psalm 51:16-17