

"His Indescribable Gift"
2 Corinthians 9:15
Sunday Morning December 19, 2021

2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

indescribable - The Greek word can be translated "*unspeakable, or inexpressible.*" This particular Greek word appears only here in the N.T., "*It describes something hard to describe in human language, that which cannot be fully declared*"

What kind of gift would it have to be to be called "Indescribable?"

The Context Of Our Passage: 2 Corinthians 9 Paul has been speaking to the Corinthians about an offering to the Lord. The Corinthians were giving an offering to minister to the poor Jewish believers in Jerusalem.

Paul shifts his attention from (Human gift) to (God's gift) of sending Jesus to earth for us. And Paul cannot find words to describe that. He simply says, "**Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.**"

Thought Of Our Passage: "Every Gift We Can Give Is Describable, But A Gift That Is Indescribable Is That Which Is More Than Human"

Why Does Paul Refer To Jesus As "The Indescribable Gift?" I want to suggest **Four reasons for Jesus being called "His Indescribable Gift"**

1. Indescribable – Jesus Is God With Us:

2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Now at this time of the year we do our best to depict the wonderfulness of God's gift of Jesus to us. (Salvation)

Luke 2:13-14; Revelation 5:13-14

The Nature Of The Gift: The gift is God's Son. To understand Jesus to describe who He is and what He came to do would then make it describable which we can't really do!

Who Is Jesus? Jesus said He was one with the Father. *How do you describe a baby born of a virgin? How do you describe God in flesh, walking upon our earth & reaching out to the hurting masses of humanity?*

Luke 1:28-35; Matthew 1:21-23

Isaiah said He would be called **Emanuel**, "*God with us*" How do you describe that? What words would you choose?

Exodus 3:13-14

Paul says that we can't, words aren't adequate. Many of the wisest men in the world have tried to describe Jesus.

Indescribable – Jesus Is God With Us

2. Indescribable - What God Did For Us:

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Paul called Jesus indescribable because of His purpose in coming to earth. The angels announced to the shepherds, **Luke 2:11**

What Do We Celebrate At Christmas? We celebrate the fact that Jesus came into our world to save us. **Luke 2:14**

There will never be peace on earth until men have been lifted out of their sin, their hearts changed, their way of thinking changed; because the Savior has come into their lives.

Matthew 1:21; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 Peter 3:18

Terms to understand what God has done for us - **sacrifice, atonement, propitiation, reconciliation, redemption.** How did Jesus achieve reconciliation? by His death! **Matthew 27:46; Romans 8:32**

Indescribable - What God Did For Us

3. Indescribable - The Grace Given To Us:

2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Every gift that we give this Christmas will be given because the recipient of that gift has some claim on us.

That is what makes God's gift so special. God doesn't owe us anything. We are in constant rebellion against Him & His will for our lives.

Romans 5:6-8

God gives a gift, not because He feels obligated to give a gift but because His love is so overwhelming. It's a gift of grace.

John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-10

Indescribable - The Grace Given To Us

4. Indescribable – Jesus’ Effect Upon Us:

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The Bible teaches that when we receive Jesus, (the indescribable gift of God) that we will never be the same again 2 Corinthians 5:17

Six Things Happen When We Receive God’s Gift:

**1. Because Of Jesus We Are Forgiven Of Our Sins:
Acts 10:43; Micah 7:19**

(NLT) Psalm 32:1-6

2. Because Of Jesus We Are Justified: We have a new standing before God. We are clothed in righteousness.
Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:21

3. Because Of Jesus We Are Adopted Into God’s Family:

1 John 3:1; Romans 8:15-16

4. Because Of Jesus We Have Received The Holy Spirit:

Ephesians 1:13; 2 Timothy 1:14

5. Because Of Jesus We Have His Peace: Peace that allows me to cope with everyday situations.

Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15

**6. Because Of Jesus, We Have A Home In Heaven:
John 14:2-3**

Indescribable – Jesus’ Effect Upon Us

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The apostle Paul looked at Jesus and said, **"I can't describe Him. All I can do is fall on my knees and thank God for His Indescribable Gift."** 2 Corinthians 9:15 **Thanks be to God** for His indescribable gift!

Giving thanks to the Lord is the Christians response to God’s gift!

Application:

- 1.** Christmas Message – Have We Stopped What We Have Been Doing This Season And Thanked Jesus Christ For The Sacrifice Of His Love And All The Blessings God Has Given To Us?
- 2.** Christmas Message – The Depths Of Human Sin Was So Great That God Intervened By Sending His Only Son Jesus, To Die For Us So That We Could Be Made Right Before God.
- 3.** Christmas Message – The Savior Was Born Because Man Is A Sinner In Need Of A Savior. Jesus Alone Can Forgive Sins And Give Salvation.
Acts 4:12
- 4.** Christmas Message – If I Will Repent, (Turn From My Sins) And Believe In Jesus Christ (The Savior) I Will Receive The Greatest Gift Of All, Jesus Our Salvation. **Romans 10:9-10**