

**“His Indescribable Gift”**  
**2 Corinthians 9:15**  
**Sunday Morning, December 22, 2013**

**2 Cor 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.”

**How Can A Gift Be Indescribable?**

**The Context Of Our Passage: 2 Corinthians 9**

**Then Paul shifts his attention from human gifts 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.”**

**Every gift that human beings can give is “describable.” The only gift that can be called “indescribable is that which is more than human.” It is something of God mixed into it.**

**Why Does Paul Refer To Jesus As “The Indescribable Gift?” 4 reasons for Jesus being called “The Indescribable Gift”:**

**1. Indescribable – Jesus Is God With Us:**

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Luke 2:13-14

Rev 5:13-14

The Nature Of The Gift: The gift is God’s Son.

**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

Matt 1:21-23

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

**Ex 3:13-14**

### **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. God saw that mankind needed saving.

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.**

Matt 1:21

Romans 5:8

1 Corinthians 15:3

1 Peter 3:18

Matt 27:46

Romans 8:32

### **Indescribable – What God Did For Us**

#### **3. Indescribable – The Grace Given To Us:**

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**That is what makes God's gift so special. He doesn't owe us anything.**

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

Eph 2:8-10

### **Indescribable – The Grace Given To Us**

#### **4. Indescribable – Jesus' Effect Upon Us:**

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Now What Happens When I Receive God's Gift?

2 Corinthians 5:17

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.

Romans 5:1

Colossians 1:22

2 Cor 5:21

3. Because Of Jesus, We Are Adopted Into God's Family And Are Citizens In His Kingdom.

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.

Philippians 4:7

Colossians 3:15

6. Because Of Jesus, My Home Is In Heaven.

John 14:2-3

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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."**

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### **Application:**

1. The Message Of Christmas – 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. The Message Of Christmas – The Depths Of Human Sin Were 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. The Message Of Christmas – 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. The Message Of Christmas – 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.