

The Gifts of Christmas

John 1: 11-18

GIFT #1 The Light (vs 6-12)

Gift # 1 What is it called “The ability to see His Glory” vs 11 (the glory of the Father) the glory of the only begotten of the Father.

(the True Light) that lighteth every man (vs 9)

Lighteth – 5461 – shining the light on every man that cometh into the world. (vs 9)

Gift #2 The ability to see (HIS GLORY)

Being able to see the Glory of God. This was and is a (BIG GIFT)

Declared GOD’S GLORY – 1391 – “to see someone as they really are.”

Vs 14 Jesus came to dwell among us so we could see “his glory” “the glory of the only begotten of the Father” full of Grace (Charis) and Truth (unveiled reality)

When we think of God the Father in His Glory, what are our thoughts?

When God compelled **Adam and Eve** to leave the Garden. When they decided that they would not obey God’s rules of Eden, He made them leave. **Do you see JUDGEMENT or MERCY?**

We must understand mankind’s state of depravity without God!

Without obedience to God, mankind would get worse and worse and go further and further away from God. Hence the Flood, hence the Israelites. No matter how good God was to them, they still got worse and worse, one choice away from God to another. Therefore it was mercy to put them where the reality of their personal decisions away from God would bring them.

As Paul tried to help the Roman Christians understand this, he said man was in trouble without God but God gave us a people called the Jews and he said, and what did they have that the rest of the world did not have?

Gift # 3 The Oracles of God

Romans 3: 1-20 The Jews were blessed with the ORACLES OF GOD – 3051 – DECLARATIONS OF GOD!

The oracles of God revealed :

- That we are all under sin vs 9
- None is righteous no, not one vs 10
- None understand vs 11
- None seek after God vs 11
- All are out of the way vs 12
- All unprofitable, none good vs 12
- Throat is an open sepulcher vs 13
- Tongues have used deceit vs 13
- Tongues full of cursing and bitterness vs 14
- Feet to shed blood
- Destruction and misery are in their ways vs 16
- No fear of God in their eyes

BUT GOD

When man was in rebellion, God demonstrated His Glory by giving:

The gift, which I call GIFT #3, is A WONDERFUL GIFT AS GOD DECLARED HIS WILL TO MAN!

GOD'S LAW – 3551 – Nomos – to assign to everyone His Will!

But God – Gave them the Law (vs 19)

1. Thou shalt not worship other Gods
2. Make nothing to worship in place of me
3. Take not my name in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath to keep it Holy
5. Honor Father and Mother

6. Thou shalt not Kill
7. Thou shalt not Commit Adultery
8. Thou shalt not Steal
9. Thou shalt not bear False Witness
10. Thou Shalt not covet

Four commands to try to put a human in right relations with the Creator God

Six Commands to try to put one human in right relations with another human

Plus the rest of the 5 books written by Moses.

The Purpose of the Law? MERCY!

Romans 3: 19

- That every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before God (vs 19)
- But by the deeds of the Law, no flesh shall be justified in His sight... for by the Law is the knowledge of sin – 206 (offense against God) vs 20

When God called on Moses to write the account of Creation and the fall of man as well as the separation that followed, the setting was declared and the condition of man without God was described.

But God – Declared His Glory by:

1st By declaring man's condition

2nd By allowing man to experience the depravity of his condition

3rd By allowing the growing frustration at the fruitless efforts to improve His conditions

4th By coming down and prepare a true way back to God! TRUTH AND GRACE

And when this way was complete and the GLORY of GOD was revealed, the Angels desired to look into – (look into) – 3879 – bend over to see... 1st Peter 1: 12

GIFT #4 THE ULTIMATE GIFT – GOD’S PRESENCE ON EARTH!

Declared GOD’S PRESENCE

John 1: 17-18

The **Glory of Who God is**, is in the book called **the Bible (the Book)** declaring He is Creator, but man chooses to become one who wants to decide for Himself. In turn, destruction and death is the product of such a life.

Present #4 is Emmanuel – GOD WITH US

Jesus is God here declaring the Glory of God, full of Grace and Truth! Declaring the GLORY OF GOD/DECLARING THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER!

He became A PRESENT TO THE CREATION... declaring Grace and Truth

Grace – 5485 – Charis – Favor

Truth – 225 – Unveiled Reality

The reality of the Truth revealed at Christmas is that God cared enough about His creation to come down here among us and become one of us in order to communicate His ultimate will for us: **“To Be With Him”**

Vs 12 is the verse to look at...