

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life,” John 3:16 (Golden verse of the Bible)

Everyone loves this verse and there is an eternal reason why. Everything we have as Christians was given to us by God. Therefore, we should be good students of the Word and realize that God gives spiritual gifts as we need them. We needed a Savior because we were dead in our sins (Ro 5:8-10). Jesus entered the dark world to give life to man. It was God’s gift of salvation. Further, there are gifts to those who are saved. He called a people out from among the saved, organizing them into His church and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit, to Lead (Jn 14:17; to Help (Jn 16:7; to guide and disclose (Jn 16:13. The arrival of the Holy Spirit’s gift can be read in Acts 2.

Through the Holy Spirit, Christ has continued to live in His people, the church body (Eph 122-23), Matthew 18:20. “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.” Matthew 28:20b, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

God’s gifts must begin with Jesus and that’s means His GIFT OF LIFE

Simply put, man needs life because death separates us from God. Many think that if they keep the Ten Commandments they will have life. However, be aware that man died even before the Law of Moses was in effect. “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, Ro 5:14. So, why the Law? “The Law was a tutor (teacher) to lead us to Christ” Gal. 3:24. How does the Law of Moses TEACH us? Sin brings death, but “He who has the Son has life,” I Jn 5:12.

Let Paul teach us about how life is received.. “And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died; and this commandment which was to result in life, proved to result in death to me; for sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me. So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that I might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful. For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin,” Romans 9-14.

Clearly, the Law shows that man is a sinner. Paul again, “Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned,” Romans 6:12. We don’t like it, but our first parents sinned. Because of the carnal nature we were born into, we naturally sin and need a Savior.

Paul continues, “For if by the transgression of the one (Adam), death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ,” Romans 5:17. Saved people love Paul’s words.

Paul stated that the gift of God was “the gift of righteousness.” Jesus met God’s standard (Law of Moses) perfectly. Then, He died for us. But, one very important point has to be made. That is, one cannot be saved until the Law is removed. It was removed at the crucifixion. “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us...in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles,” Gal 3:13,14.

The gift of Salvation is Jesus. He lived a perfect life, then paid the price by dying for us. And, Glory to God, He Arose!. Moses brought the Law, but Jesus gave us GRACE. “The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord,” Ro 6:23. With His gift of Christ, we have life that keeps on giving and keeps on saving, for the glory of the Father, to do His will on earth, Mt 6:9-13. Salvation began with Jesus at the cross. It continues with Jesus in His church, Eph 3:21. The end of salvation comes at the resurrection. God’s love for the world is Jesus, His gift. Please, receive it in all its aspects.

“He who does not have the Son does not have life, John 5:12. Jesus is God’s ONLY Son, and hope.