

# UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9

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<sup>15</sup> Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Introduction:

This verse contains both Thanksgiving and Christmas in its eight short words. It begins with Thanksgiving when Paul says “Thanks be unto God.” The verse ends with Christmas when Paul speaks of “His unspeakable gift.”

This verse is about giving thanks to God for His gifts to us.

Notice:

## **1. THE FOUNDATION OF OUR THANKSGIVING**

### **A. His Unspeakable Gift**

The word “unspeakable” translates a word that is used here for the first time ever in the Greek language. Paul needed a word to describe the great riches that have been given to us in Jesus, but he did not possess a suitable word in his entire vocabulary. So, Paul

invented a word. The word Paul uses means “indescribable”.

When Paul speaks of the gift God gave us when He gave His Son, he says “Jesus is a gift so good, so great, so wonderful that He really can’t be described.”

If you need a reason for thanksgiving, for rejoicing, for praise, look no farther than the great riches God has given us in Jesus Christ.

Consider what we have in Jesus and then praise God for His “unspeakable gift.”

- Forgiveness Of Sin

### **Psalms 103:12**

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

- Redemption From Sin

### **Ephesians 1:7**

<sup>7</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

- Everlasting Life

### **John 10:28**

<sup>28</sup> And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

### **John 6:47**

<sup>47</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

- Adoption As Sons of God

### **Romans 8:15**

<sup>15</sup> For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

### **1 John 3:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

- A Home in Heaven

### **John 14:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

- His Abiding Presence

### **Hebrews 13:5**

<sup>5</sup> *Let your conversation be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

## **Matthew 28:20**

<sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

- His Perfect Promises

## **2 Peter 1:4**

<sup>4</sup> Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

## **2 Corinthians 1:20**

<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

- His Everlasting Love

## **Jeremiah 31:3**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

- His Amazing Grace

## **2 Corinthians 12:9**

<sup>9</sup> And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- His Provisions

**Philippians 4:19**

<sup>19</sup> But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**Matthew 6:25-34**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? <sup>26</sup> Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? <sup>28</sup> And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: <sup>29</sup> And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? <sup>32</sup> (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. <sup>34</sup> Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

- His Precious Word

**Psalms 119:105**

<sup>105</sup> Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Those are ample reasons for thanksgiving, praise and worship, but that is merely scratching the surface of what we have in Him!

## **2. THE FOCUS OF OUR THANKSGIVING**

Paul focuses our attention of God Himself. As he begins to write, Paul says, “Thanks be to God...” Paul is telling us that the One Who deserves to be praised is God. The One Who deserves to receive thanks is God.

God is the One Who devised the plan that brought Jesus to this world

God is the One Who loved us when we were unlovable

He is the One Who came to us when we were “***dead in trespasses and sins***”

### **Ephesians 2:1**

<sup>1</sup> And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

We owe everything we have, everything we are, and everything we ever hope to have to God the Father. He deserves our thanksgiving for all that He has given us in Jesus.

### **1 Corinthians 15:10**

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more

abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

### **3. THE FRUIT OF OUR THANKSGIVING**

When Paul penned the words of verse 15, he did so for a reason. He has spent this entire chapter calling on the Corinthian church to follow through on a commitment they had previously made to give to an offering that was being taken up to help the poor, persecuted saints in Jerusalem, vv. 1-5.

Apparently, the Corinthians had not yet given their part, and Paul is encouraging them to be ready to give when his associates arrive in Corinth. He reminds them that God will bless them in direct relation to their giving, v. 6. He also reminds them that God expects them to give out of a grateful, cheerful heart, v. 7.

Paul reminds these saints that God will take care of them, so they need not worry about being obedient in their giving.

Close:

Thanksgiving Day is coming up. For most people it's a day of turkey, football and family, and little more. I hope for you that it was a day of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord. For the child of God, every day should be Thanksgiving Day.

Christmas is just around the corner. For many it will be a time of trees, tinsel, presents and family get-togethers. For believers, it should be a time of intense gratitude, thanksgiving and worship. When we consider the "***indescribable gift***" God gave us when He sent His Son into the world, it should fill our hearts with praise, thanksgiving and worship.