

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ALL OF YOUR GIFTS?

INTRO: One thing we all enjoy is THE RECEIVING OF GIFTS! We receive gifts for Christmas, for birthdays, for anniversaries, and for all sorts of special occasions, which brings joy to our hearts. But the question is: **HAVE YOU RECEIVED ALL OF YOUR GIFTS?** I am sure you have received a lot of gifts down through the years, but you know, it is possible to have EVERY GIFT THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER, but if you do not have the **VERY BEST GIFT OR THE ULTIMATE GIFT FROM GOD, THEN ALL OF THE OTHER GIFTS WILL HAVE BEEN IN VAIN!** In James 1:17, the Bible teaches us that God is the source of every good and perfect gift and today we shall deal with that ULTIMATE GIFT GOD HAS JUST FOR YOU! **FOLKS, THIS IS A GIFT YOU NEED AND YOU CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT!**

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“EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, AND COMETH DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS, WITH WHOM IS NO VARIABleness, NEITHER SHADOW OF TURNING.”

JAMES 1:17

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I. THE PROBLEM ROMANS 3:23

WE ARE ALL SINNERS!

A. The Definition of Sin

1. Sin is “THE TRANSGRESSION AGAINST GOD’S LAW,” according to 1 John 3:4
2. In other words, SIN IS MISSING GOD’S MARK!

B. The Origin of Sin

1. Lucifer’s Rebellion Against God in Heaven – Is. 14:12-15.
2. Adam and Eve’s Rebellion Against God in Eden – Genesis 3:1-7

NOTE: At this point, sin entered the human race. Since Eve was deceived into partaking of the forbidden fruit, and Adam chose to partake thereof, the sin nature has since been passed down through the human race through a process called, “**IMPUTATION.**”

C. The Spreading of Sin (It started right away and spread very fast)

1. In the Time of Cain and Abel – Genesis 4 - Cain killed Abel.
2. In the Time of the Noah – Genesis 6:5,6 – Every imagination of mankind’s heart was evil continually.
3. In the Time of the Old Testament – Judges 17:6
4. In the Time of Christ – Matthew 23:37; John 1:11
5. In the Time of the Present – 1 Timothy 3:1 – **TODAY, SIN IS THE NORM IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY IN THE WORLD.**

D. The Universality of Sin

1. No one is Exempt!
2. Romans 3:23; Galatians 3:22

II. THE PENALTY OF SIN ROMANS 6:23a

THE PENALTY OF SIN IS DEATH!

A. What is a Wage?

1. A wage is “**THAT WHICH IS GIVEN IN RETURN FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS DONE.**”

Side Note: Webster’s Dictionary says: “The wages of sin is death.”

2. We ALL have sinned, and **THUS THERE IS A WAGE (PENALTY) WE ALL MUST PAY, AND THAT WAGE IS DEATH!**

B. What is Death?

1. Basically, the word “death” means “**SEPARATION.**”
2. The Bible speaks of three types of death, all of which have come due to sin.
 - a. The Physical Death – Hebrews 9:27
-**The separation of the body, the soul and the spirit.**
 - b. The Spiritual Death – Ephesians 2:1
-**The separation from God, now in this life.**
 - c. The Second Death – Revelation 20:15
-**The separation from God in Eternity, in THE LAKE OF FIRE!**

III. THE PROPOSITION ROMANS 6:23b

THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE

- A. The Proposition is Offered: WE ALL HAVE A CHOICE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE GIFT OF GOD!
- B. The Proposition is Factual
 - 1. Accept God's Gift of Eternal Life.
 - 2. Reject God's Gift of Eternal Life.

WHAT WILL IT BE FOR YOU? WILL YOU ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT, OR REJECT GOD'S GIFT? MAKE A CHOICE RIGHT NOW! (2 COR. 6:2).

CONCLUSION/LESSON

WHAT WILL IT BE FOR YOU? WILL YOU ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT, OR REJECT GOD'S GIFT? MAKE A CHOICE NOW – 2 CORINTHIANS 6:2.

YOU CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT THE GIFT OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST...WHY WOULD YOU REJECT IT?

THE WORDS OF JESUS

"COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." - MATTHEW 11:28