

PUTTING CHRIST IN YOUR CHRISTMAS Part Two

Text: 2 Cor. 8:6-12

- Another way to celebrate Christmas Biblically is with _____, like the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. THE _____ OF GIVING (vs. 9)

- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is the gift of _____.

A. The Grace of Christ's _____

1. Christ left behind the glories and riches of _____.
2. Christ took on a _____ frame with all its limitations.
3. Christ experienced lifelong material _____.
4. Christ suffered the humiliation of _____ (Philip. 2:8).
 - His greatest poverty was in His _____:
 - He was _____ by His own people.
 - He was treated worse than common criminal and didn't even get fair trial.
 - He was horribly _____ by scourging and crucifixion until He no longer resembled a man.
 - He was _____ with transgressors.
 - He was mocked and despised by enemies and passers-by.
 - He was _____ to hang on a tree.
 - He was _____ not just by His friends and followers but even by His Heavenly Father.
 - He bore the full weight and penalty for all our sins.

- Christ was made _____ so we might be made righteous; He suffered so we might have joy in God's presence; He died so we might be made alive; He became poor so we might become rich (2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Pet. 3:18).

B. The Grace of Our _____

- Including but not limited to:
 - A powerful, immortal resurrection _____ like Christ's (Philip. 3:21)
 - The _____ of Christ
 - The inheritance of Christ
 - _____ from Christ
 - The Person of Christ
 - Unending _____ with Christ
 - The family of Christ

- Application 1: Are you rich in grace?

- Application 2: If you have received grace, you should become a _____ of God's grace to others.

II. THE _____ TO GIVE (vs. 6-8)

- How giving should work in the life of a born-again child of God:

A. _____ your grace (vs. 6).

- "Finish" = _____, perfect; which means:
 - Grace is not complete until you _____ it away.
 - Giving is a great way to pass on God's grace to others.

B. _____ in this grace (vs. 7).

- Abound = to "superabound, excel, or exceed."
- The Holy Spirit wants to use us to touch the lives of others through giving, but His full work of grace is not complete until we follow through and give.

- Application 1: Are you giving?

- Application 2: _____ are you giving, superabounding or stingy?

III. THE _____ OF GIVING (vs. 10-12)

- Three important truths about Spirit-motivated grace giving:

A. Giving is _____ for the giver.

- "Expedient for you" = beneficial, profitable, advantageous (in 3 ways):

1. It's good for our _____.
2. It's good for our _____ in grace.
3. It's good for our own _____ with the Lord.
 - "Accepted" (vs. 12) = by the _____.

B. Giving should come from the _____.

- A "_____ mind" = an eagerness or readiness to give.
- Application: If you find in your heart a _____ to give, just ask God what He wants you to give and then give out of the eagerness of your heart.

C. Giving should not be _____ off.

- "Perform" (vs. 11) = to complete
- The danger in waiting to give is that we may _____ give at all.

CONCLUSION

- Putting Christ into your Christmas means to celebrate with giving.