

Doctrine of the Gifts of God for the People of God

1. During the *Old Testament* era God gave the Levites to Aaron and his sons to help in the labor of the sacrifices.
 - *Numbers 8:19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.*

2. The rewards of honest labor are said to be gifts from God.
 - *Ecclesiastes 3: 13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.*
 - *Ecclesiastes 5:19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.*

3. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit is a gift of God.
 - *Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*
 - *Acts 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

4. The gifts of God cannot be purchased at any price.
 - *Acts 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.*

5. Salvation is a gift of divine grace.
 - *Romans 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

6. The faith, which produces salvation, is declared to be a gift of Divine grace.
 - *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

7. The act of justification is a free gift.

- *Romans 5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift:for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*

8. The gift of righteousness is given on the basis of free grace.

- *Romans 5: 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*

9. Eternal life is declared to be a gift of grace.

- *John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*
- *Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

10. Being suited for spiritual service within the body of Christ is a gift of divine grace. At the moment of salvation God the Holy Spirit ascribes to every person a spiritual gift to use within the body of Christ.

- *1 Corinthians 7:7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.*

11. There is a gift unspeakable, even the Person of Jesus Christ.

- *2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*
 - ❖ Jesus is declared to be an unspeakable gift of God because of who He is.
 - ❖ Jesus is declared to be an unspeakable gift of God because of the effect He can produce in the lives of others.
 - ❖ Jesus is declared to be an unspeakable gift of God because of the great work of redemption He accomplished.
 - ❖ Jesus is declared to be an unspeakable gift of God because He can bestow salvation and change not only lives but also the course of human history.
 - ❖ Jesus is declared to be an unspeakable gift of God because of what He will yet do.

12. Being placed into the official work of the ministry is according to God's gift of grace.

- *Ephesians 3:7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.*
- *Ephesians 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.*
- *1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

13. It must never be forgotten that every good and perfect gift enjoyed in life is given in grace by God.

- *James 1:17 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.*