

November 29, 2020

“God’s Unspeakable Gift”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. (KJV)

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! (ESV)

Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words! (NLT)

Sermon Notes

The Apostle Paul was an exceptionally trained theologian and renaissance man of his day who always had something relevant and profound to say to the people of God. He established many of the early churches throughout the Mediterranean region, wrote half the New Testament and articulated the major doctrines of the Christian faith. Paul continued in ministry even as he endured physical, emotional and spiritual opposition. He wrote several Epistles while imprisoned in shackles.

Paul was never at a loss for words until we read this text in which he is in awe of God’s “unspeakable gift.” His epiphany comes as he was attempting to raise an offering at the church in Jerusalem to give to the church at Corinth for the continuance of ministry.

Christian giving is inspired by the “unspeakable gift” - God gave Christ.

Therefore, Christian giving isn’t done grudgingly but rather in recognition of **God’s Goodness** and appreciation of **God’s Grace**.

The text teaches:

1. We recognize God’s goodness when we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ
2. We appreciate God’s grace when we extend grace to others through giving
3. We are forever indebted to God leaving us continually thankful

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe an experience in which you found yourself at a loss for words.
2. What is the “unspeakable gift” that Paul is referring to?
3. What inspires your charitable giving?
4. How does giving to ministry help you personally?
5. Explain the relationship between giving and God’s grace.
6. Why does my attitude matter if I’m giving?