

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Introduction

The prime attribute of God is love – unconditional, universal, impartial, heartistic, gracious, patient, and forgiving. He is concerned with the smallest details of our lives, and is eager to fill us to the fullest with all that he is and has. To receive this love is to begin to live in heaven here and now, to “have everlasting life.”

- I. **God is the gift.** Therefore it is the same nature as God.
 - A. It is a vast, universal, all-encompassing gift. It is beyond doctrines, denominations, race, creed, and color.
 - B. It is an adaptable, flexible gift. God’s love reaches out to restore every kind of situation, on every level of spiritual and intellectual growth.
 - C. It is a powerful gift. To receive his love is to receive the power to become the Child of God, to destroy the work of the devil.
- II. **God is the giver of the gift.** Therefore it is given to all.
 - A. It is given to whosoever trusts in God with a constant hope.
 - B. It is given to the wise and foolish, the holy and sinful.
 - C. It is given to show the difference between true love and false love, and persuades us to accept the true.
- III. **God’s gift is NOW.** We don’t have to wait for blessings.
 - A. His blessings are infinite and eternal. No outward situation can prevent us from receiving them, no internal struggle can make us lose them.
 - B. Even if you can’t seem to see your blessing, God knows how to bring them to your attention.
 - C. A constant “attitude of gratitude”, of prayerful thanks in all things, keeps us aware of how God is blessing us.

Conclusion

As we speak and act with kindness and compassion, we see many opportunities to be about our Father’s business. The richest of Christ will dwell in us fully, and we will be what the world really needs: the gift that keeps on giving.