



GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS: HIS PLAN
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Text: Romans 1:16-17



Introduction: People are surrounded by gifts from God: Rain and sunshine (**Matthew 5:45**). The earth and fruitful seasons (**Acts 14:17**). And life itself is a gift from God. (**Ecclesiastes 12:7**). We can learn a lot about God by looking at His gifts. **James 1:17** says that God's gifts are good and God's gifts are perfect. When we study God's Holy Word, from cover to cover, I believe that that it reveals some of God's greatest gifts. Since the holiday season is upon us and many are thinking about gifts, I want us to make spiritual application from the lessons we learn during the holiday season. I hope and pray that you will be here each Sunday through the rest of the year to learn about God's greatest gifts. Today, we are going to study about one of God's greatest gifts: His Plan/Salvation. . . .

Discussion:

I. Salvation Is A Gift From God

A. Salvation has a design and purpose.

Genesis 3:15, John 3:16, Hebrews 1:1-2, Hebrews 2:1-4

B. Salvation is a planned gift.

Ephesians 2:8-9, Mark 16:16, I Peter 1:9, Philippians 2:12

C. Salvation is a conditional gift.

Titus 2:11-12, Romans 2:11, I Peter 1:17, Hebrews 5:8-9

D. Salvation can be neglected.

Hebrews 2:1-4, Romans 5:1, II Peter 3:9, Romans 10:10, I Peter 3:10, 21, Philippians 2:12, Revelation 2:10, John 15:1-8

II. Salvation Is A Good Gift

A. It is good because of the consequences of sin.

Isaiah 59:1-2, Ephesians 2:11-12, Romans 6:16-17

B. It is good because we are unable to save ourselves.

Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5

C. It is good because we are worthless without God.

Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23

III. Salvation Is A Perfect Gift

A. Salvation is perfect because we are delivered.

Romans 8:1-3, Hebrews 10:1-4, Hebrews 8:12

B. Salvation is perfect because we can be saved eternally.

II Peter 1:5-11

C. Salvation is perfect because we have a perfect sacrifice.

I Peter 2:21-25

Conclusion: Are you ready to be saved? "*Now is the day of salvation*" (**II Corinthians 6:2**). God is willing, ready and able to save you right now! You should be willing, ready, and responsive and God WILL save you. Gratitude for the goodness of God should lead us to obedience (**Romans 2:4**). Are you thankful for God's plan? Are you enjoying God's plan for your life?

WORD OF THE DAY = "SALVATION"