



**GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS: HIS WORD**  
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**Text: II Peter 1:20-21**



**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. Today, we are going to study about one of God's greatest gifts: His Word/ The Bible. Do you ever wonder what God is thinking? Do you ever wonder what God wants you to do? Its time to unlock the mysteries of the unknown! Let's open one of God's gifts . . . . .

**Discussion:**

**I. The Bible Is A Gift From God**

- A. The Bible is an inspired gift from God.  
**II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:20-21**
- B. The Bible is a gift from God to men through holy men.  
**Matthew 1:22, I Corinthians 14:37**
- C. The Bible is gift from all of the Godhead.  
**I Corinthians 2:9-12, Romans 9:17, Revelation 22:18-19**

**II. The Bible Is A Good Gift**

- A. Man's need of the Bible demonstrates the goodness of God's gift.  
**Jeremiah 10:23, Psalm 119:105, James 1:21, Acts 20:32**
- B. Man's desire for the Bible demonstrates the goodness of God's gift.  
**Ephesians 5:17, Matthew 2:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 1:8-9**
- C. Man's study of the Bible demonstrates the goodness of God's gift.  
**II Timothy 2:15, II Corinthians 3:6-18, Hebrews 8:7-12, Hebrews 10:9-10, Matthew 7:7**
- D. Man's faithfulness to the Bible demonstrates the goodness of God's gift.  
**Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6, Acts 2:37-38, I John 1:9, Revelation 2:10**

**III. The Bible Is A Perfect Gift**

- A. The Bible is a perfect revelation of God's truth to man.  
**II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:3**
- B. The Bible is the perfect law of liberty.  
**James 1:25, 2:12, I Peter 1:22-23, Galatians 5:1**
- C. The Bible is the perfect textbook for the final test.  
**John 12:44-50, John 14:24, John 1:1, Colossians 3:12-17**

**Conclusion:** Since the Bible is a revelation from God, we should read the Bible in order to be wise and obey the Bible in order to be holy. What do I mean when I say obey the Bible? The Bible has commands that were written for our benefit. God's Word is able to save us (**Acts 20:32**). Can you go to heaven without loving God? Of course not, **John 14:15** says, "*If you love me, keep my commandments.*"

**WORD OF THE DAY = "BIBLE"**