



GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS: HIS PRESENCE

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Text: John 14:15-21



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 Presence. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Holy Spirit Is A Gift From God

- A. The presence of God was sent by Jesus.
John 14:15-21, Acts 2:38-39, Acts 10:45
- B. The presence of God humbles us
Genesis 3:8, Genesis 4:16, Jonah 1:3, Psalm 51:11
- C. The presence of God changes us.
I Corinthians 1:27-29, I Peter 1:15-16, Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:1-8
- D. God's presence is a privilege.
Psalms 140:13

II. The Holy Spirit Is A Good Gift

- A. The Holy Spirit is good because He brings us joy.
Psalms 16:11, Luke 15:10, John 15:11, I Thessalonians 2:19-20
- B. The Holy Spirit is good because He causes us to worship.
Psalms 100:2, John 4:24, I Corinthians 3:16
- C. The Holy Spirit is good because He helps us when we pray.
Hebrews 9:24, Romans 8:26-27
- D. The Holy Spirit is good because He brings us security.
II Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30, II Timothy 2:19, Jude 1:24-25
I Chronicles 16:27

III. The Holy Spirit Is A Perfect Gift

- A. The presence of God is all that Moses needed to go before Pharaoh.
Exodus 33:14
- B. The presence of God is all that David needed to see his deliverance.
Psalms 139:7-10
- C. The presence of God is all that Paul needed to be comforted.
II Timothy 4:16-18
- D. Jeremiah pleaded with the people to cry out before the presence of God.
Lamentations 2:19
- E. The Holy Spirit is all you will ever need to sustain you.
Hebrews 6:4-6

Conclusion: Remember that the promise of God's Holy Spirit is given to ALL who are willing to accept Christ, repent of their sins, and are baptized into Christ for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:28-39**). Are you thankful for God's presence? Are you enjoying God's presence?

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