THE GREATEST GIFTS YOU'LL EVER GET

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Jesus: "God <u>SO LOVED</u> the world that <u>HE GAVE</u> his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life!" John 3:16

"Since God did not spare his own Son, but <u>gave him up</u> for us all, then can we not expect that, <u>WITH HIM</u>, God will freely <u>give us ALL his gifts</u>?" Romans 8:32

ALL OF GOD'S GIFTS ARE _____

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT OF JESUS? 4 smaller gifts are included . . .

1. GOD GIVES ME

"When someone accepts Christ, he becomes a <u>brand new person</u> inside. He is <u>not the same anymore</u>. A new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus: "If you follow my words, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

"Let God <u>transform you</u> into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you'll know what God wants you to do, his <u>good</u>, <u>pleasing</u> and <u>perfect</u> will for your life." Romans 12:2

2. GOD GIVES ME

"God has <u>poured out his love</u> into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is <u>God's gift to us</u>." Romans 5:5 (TEV)

"Now God works <u>IN you</u>, giving you both <u>the desire and the ABILITY</u> to fulfill his good purpose for you." Philippians 2:13

"For God does not give us a spirit of fear, but instead He fills us with power, love, and self-discipline." 2 *Timothy 1:7*

3. GOD GIVES ME

"<u>Because of his love</u>, God's unchanging plan has always been to <u>ADOPT</u> <u>US</u> into <u>his own family</u> by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:4-5 "<u>That family is the church</u> of the living God, the <u>support and foundation</u> of the truth." 1 Timothy 3:15

"A different <u>spiritual gift</u> is given to each of us in God's family <u>so we can</u> <u>help each other</u> for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

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"In Christ's family there are <u>no divisions</u> between Jew and non-Jew, or slave and free, or male and female. Instead we're all equal in a common relationship with Jesus Christ." Galatians 3:28

4. GOD GIVES ME_____

"God has reserved for his children <u>the priceless gift of eternal life;</u> it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay." 1 Peter 1:4

"The <u>free gift</u> of God is eternal life <u>through Christ Jesus our Lord</u>." Romans 6:23

Jesus: "If you, though imperfect and sinful, know how to give <u>good gifts</u> to your children, how much more will <u>your Father in heaven give</u> <u>good gifts</u> to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

"It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open!" Acts 10:35 (Mes)

"I PRAY that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And I pray you'll be able to feel and <u>understand</u> how <u>long</u>, how <u>wide</u>, how <u>deep</u>, and how <u>high</u> <u>God's love for you</u> really is; and to <u>EXPERIENCE</u> <u>THIS LOVE for yourself</u>, though it is so great you'll never fully understand it." Ephesians 3:18-19