



What Makes a Gift So Special? by Edd Sterchi

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

We receive many gifts during our lifetime, but some become more special than others. Why? I contend that it is not because of the value of the gift, but of how we value the giver. Using the word "gift" as an acronym, I value a gift because the giver gives it with...

... **G**ladness - I appreciate gifts that the giver is willing and excited to give. To know that they wanted to give it to me makes it precious indeed.

... **I**ndividuality - I treasure a gift that the giver has given with me specifically in mind. It makes it personal and special.

... **F**eeling - I love gifts from others that are given out of fondness and warmheartedness. It reminds me that I am loved and important to them.

... **T**houghtfulness - It touches my heart when I realize that the giver put some time and thought into the gift. Regardless of the cost, the gift is priceless to me.

When we think about it, Jesus Christ is the perfect gift, because God lovingly and gladly gave Him to benefit each one of us. From before the creation of the world, God had given thought to the ideal gift for us, and it was Jesus!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (**2 Corinthians 9:15**)

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