

The Gift Of God

Joh 6:37-40; 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

I was reading an exposition by John Bunyan on these verses, and God opened up a thought I had never considered; that being, the church was a gift from God the Father to Jesus Christ, because she will one day be his wife.

"God the Father" gave to "God the Son" the "**gift**" of those who would come unto him for salvation and eternal life. "**All that the Father giveth me**" These are qualified and quantified by; "**shall come to me**" "**that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him**"

"**shall come to me**" Jesus makes it plain; those who come to him seeking salvation and eternal life, realizing that they are lost and headed to the eternal lake of fire, without the gift of salvation that Jesus has for them. They are not those, the Jews, who in the earlier portion of this chapter came to Jesus not for salvation and eternal life, but rather for the loaves and fishes to fill their bellies.

"**that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him**" Those Jews present, to whom Jesus was addressing; saw Jesus physically in body, but they did not see him as the source of salvation and eternal life. Jesus has already told them that they are not his, or they would come to him in a proper fashion. Thus, we understand that the "**seeing**" needed is to see that Jesus Christ is the author of salvation and eternal life. If a sinner has been born again, they understand their need for a Saviour and they see Jesus, for who and what he is to them.

We understand from the text; it took more than seeing to "**come to Jesus**." What do you mean? The text states; "**that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him**" Therefore, when they "**see**" Jesus, and "**come**" to him, they must come "**believing**" that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, whom God the Father sent into the world to procure their salvation and eternal life. **1Jo 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."**

The unbelieving Jews, in this chapter, are an example of the unbelieving sinners today. Some will say; scripture says that even the devils believe, as seen in: **Jas 2:19 "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."** Indeed, the devils believe that Jesus is the Son of God, but they will not come to him, nor do they see him as the means of salvation and eternal life; rather, they see him as the one, who will judge them and give them that awful sentence of being cast into the eternal lake of fire, therefore, they tremble before him.

Now wait a minute preacher; you said that we, the church, were given to Jesus as a gift. That is correct. You were given to Jesus as a gift from God the Father to God the Son. If they are a gift, why did

you say procure them? The saved are a gift to Christ Jesus, the procurement is the remission of their sins that Christ might present them to God the Father undefiled.

Understand, salvation and eternal life are a gift to us, the remission of our sins was the work of Christ. Do you see? Christ accepted the gift of "***all the Father gave unto him.***" Since, there can be no sin in the eternal kingdom of God, Christ had to provide the means for the remission of their sins, and this was accomplished by his death upon the cross. Christ accepted the gift and agreed to do that which was required to keep the gift, and to bring to pass the will of the Father.

What was the will of the Father? "***that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.***" Christ came into the world, incarnate, to preserve all that the Father gave him. Jesus died on the cross and procured the remission of sins, for every sin, of every sinner, who "***shall come to me,***" "***which seeth the Son,***" "***and believeth on him.***" When these come to Jesus; he gives them salvation and eternal life, as seen in:

- ***Joh 10:28 "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."***
- ***Joh 17:2 "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."***

As we see and understand that Jesus received the gift from the Father, and in receiving the gift, accepted the responsibility of taking care of the gift; we can then make application to our own lives; when we are given the gift of salvation and eternal life. What do you mean?

Now that you have received the gift, what are you going to do with it? Are you going to do what is necessary to keep it or neglect it? Scripture teaches us what we are to do. Here is one of many places: ***1Ti 6:11-19; 11 "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; 14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.***" Understanding what we are supposed to do, to be in the will of God the Father; are you willing to:

- Make the public profession of your faith?
- To be baptized?
- To read and study the scripture, as preparation to arm yourself, for the defense of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- To be an evangelist?
- To live the Christian life to the full being salt and light to those around you?

If you can say yes to any of these questions; you have the evidence that you have received the gift of salvation and eternal life. Your mind, and the devil, will give you all kind of excuses to not keep, or use, the gift that has been given to you. Resort to prayer, the scripture, and talk to others who are using their gift, for consolation and a right mind of what to do.

We were given to Christ as an eternal gift. Christ has given to us an eternal gift. What a blessing; to be enabled to come to Jesus! What a blessing; to be enabled to see Jesus as the one source of salvation and eternal life! What a blessing; to believe that Jesus is our Saviour! Christ has gone to prepare a place for all those who "**shall come to me**," who "**seeth the Son**," and who "**believeth on him**." Praise the Lord for the "**gift**" of salvation by grace, and eternal life, in Christ! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

As Christ created the world we live in naturally; he has also created the world we live in spiritually. We sing a song that speaks of the power of Christ as seen below:

Oh Lord My God

Hymn 500 in the Old School Hymnal, 11 Edition

- 1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands hath made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed; Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin; Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

Heb 12:1 "Wherfore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

1Th 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherfore comfort one another with these words."

Aren't you glad that Christ has gone to prepare another world for us? This New Heaven and New Earth and New Jerusalem will be an eternal kingdom, which will be another gift to us in eternity. Praise the Lord, for the gifts of God to us! Hallelujah!