



GRACE
THE
OF
GIVING

PART ONE

“And he died for all, that those who live **should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”**

2 Corinthians 5:15

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

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8 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings.

9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty.

(Malachi 3:8-11)



**What Is the
heart of God?**



God is a giver.

- **Genesis / Exodus**

- *Genesis 1:1 – Heavens & the Earth*
- *Genesis 1:3-5 – Light & Darkness / Day & Night*
- *Genesis 1:8 – Sky*
- *Genesis 1:10 – Land & Seas*
- *Genesis 1:16 – Stars / Sun & Moon*
- *Genesis 1:20 – Birds & Fish*
- *Genesis 1:24 – Animals*
- *Genesis 1:28 – Dominion over living creatures*
- *Genesis 1:29-30 – plants for food*

- *Genesis 2:6 – watered the Earth*
- *Genesis 2:7 – breath & life*
- *Genesis 2:16-17 – boundaries / rules*
- *Genesis 2:18 – companionship*

- **Genesis / Exodus**

- ***Genesis 3:16-19 – discipline / consequences***
- ***Genesis 3:21 – clothing***
- ***Genesis 3:23 – work***
- ***Genesis 3:19 & 21 – death***

- ***Genesis 4:1 – childbirth***

- ***Genesis 6 - 9 – a second chance (Noah) / rain***

- ***Genesis 9:3 – animals for food***
- ***Genesis 9:13 – rainbows***

- ***Exodus 31:18 – the law***

- **Jesus Christ / Eternal Life / Salvation**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

- **The Holy Spirit**

...the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit. (1 Thess. 4:8)

- **Newness / New Creation / New life**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor. 5:17)

- **Wisdom**

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (James 1:5)

- **Peace**

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. (2 Thess. 3:16)

- **Strength**

You armed me with strength for battle. (Psalm 18:39)

- **Victory**

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)

- **Freedom**

The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners. (Psalm 146:7)

- **Crown of Righteousness**

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day... (2 Tim. 4:8)

- **An inheritance**

In him we have obtained an inheritance... (Eph. 1:11)

- **Spiritual Growth**

...but only God who gives the growth . (1 Cor. 3:7)

- **Rest**

Come to me...and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

- **Relief from Suffering**

*...the Lord gives you relief from your suffering and
turmoil... (Isaiah 14:3)*

- **Everything Good & Perfect**

Every good and perfect gift is from above... (Eph. 1:11)

- **All Things**

*...how will he not also, along with him (Christ),
graciously give us all things. (Romans 8:32)*

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Noah Webster:

The unmerited love and favor of God which is the spring and source of all benefits men receive from Him, including especially His assistance given to man for his regeneration or sanctification. (Grace is) a virtue from God influencing man, renewing his heart, and restraining him from sin.

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Thayer's Greek Lexicon

a. that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness

b. the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

(2 Peter 1:3)

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