SOME GIFTS AREN'T UNDER THE TREE

How excited are kids when they come down and see gifts under the tree?

What is the greatest gift you ever received on Christmas?

Let's look at a more important question

Who is the best gift giver?

Over the next three weeks we will be looking at some specific gifts given to us by God.

Today, let's get a quick look at each gift, and why they are so precious.

1. The gift of satisfaction

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A. Everyone has a need to be satisfied

B. Eternal satisfaction can only come from one

1. Who we are in Christ can never be taken away

Galatians 3:26-27 for you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ like a garment.

What we have in Christ can never be taken away

Ephesians 1:3 Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

C. When we are satisfied in Christ, He is most glorified

2. The gift of the Holy Spirit

On five different occasions in the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit is referred to as a gift.

Why can we not live without this gift?

A. The Spirit allows Gods power to be available

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

B. The Spirit allows us to understand God

John 14:25-26 "I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit—the Father will send Him in My name—will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told

C. The Spirit allows us to be guided through life

3. The gift of salvation

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What are a few truths about this gift?

A. Everyone needs it

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

B. It is a gift only given by God

Ephesians 2:8 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—

C. It is a gift that keeps on giving

Romans 8:30 And those He predestined, He also called; and those He called, He also justified; and those He justified, He also glorified.

3 tenses of salvation

- -we have been saved (past)
 - -we are being saved (present)
- -we will be saved (future)

D. It is a gift that can never be taken away

John 10:28-29 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish—ever! No one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Jude 1:1 Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James: To those who are the called, loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ.

The gifts

1. Satisfaction2. Holy Spirit3. Salvation