SOME GIFTS AREN'T UNDER THE TREE

The gift of the Holy Spirit

To understand the importance of the gift of the Holy Spirit we must give Him the value deserved.

So the question becomes...How valuable is this gift? 1 Corinthians 2:14 But the unbeliever does not welcome what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually.

We can not live an abundant life without the Holy Spirit.

Let's examine three reasons why the Holy Spirit is a gift.

1. The Holy Spirit is a gift because of who He is.

John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Spirit= "living power"

Since the Holy Spirit is God, He possess all the attributes usually associated with the Father.

A. He is eternal

Hebrews 9:14 how much more will the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God?

Implication:

He will always be with you

Hebrews 13:5 for He Himself has said, I will never leave you or forsake you. Joshua 1:5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or forsake you.

B. He is omniscient (All-Knowing)

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man that is in him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Implication:

Nothing ever happens that surprises God

C. He is omnipresent (Everywhere)

Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go to escape Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there.

If live at the eastern horizon or settle at the western limits, even there Your hand will lead me; Your right hand will hold on to me.

Implication:

God is guiding us no matter where we go

D. He is omnipotent (All-Powerful)

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

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."

Implication:

You can do anything through the power of the Spirit Philippians 4:13 I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.

So, not only do we see Him as a gift for who He is...

2. The Holy Spirit is a gift because of where He is.

John 14:16-18 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

The Holy Spirit, God, dwells in the life of the believer.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Don't you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

He is a gift because of -who He is -where He is

and

3. The Holy Spirit is a gift because of what He does.

John 16:7-13 Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send Him to you. When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment:

About sin, because they do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

"I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come.

The Holy Spirit brings conviction to our hearts.

This conviction should then bring about action in our lives.

Conviction exposes sin and then calls for repentance.

This should bring hope as we restore the relationship.

The question is how do you view conviction.

Galatians 5:16-18 I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.