

## **“God’s Indescribable Gift”**

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**2 Cor. 9:15 “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (NKJV)**

**There is one gift of God that, beyond all others, deserves to be called ‘indescribable’—that is the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Indescribable means indefinable, inexpressible, unspeakable...It is something that words fail to explain.**

**Have you ever seen or heard something so incredible and awesome that you said, “I have no words!”**

**There you have the meaning of “indescribable.”**

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**And the Apostle Paul calls God’s gift of Jesus Christ to the world “indescribable”....Jesus was and is an indescribable gift!**

**So I want to take this word “indescribable” and unpack it with the first Christmas in mind—for on that sacred morning 21 centuries ago, God gave an indescribable gift!**

**And God’s indescribable gift flowed from 1.) Indescribable love 2.) an indescribable sacrifice, and 3.) it brought indescribable results**

**First, the gift of Jesus Christ flowed out of:**

## **I. Indescribable love**

**“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son” (John 3:16).**

**This most familiar Bible verse tells us that God’s love was the cause of the gift, and the gift is the expression of His love.**

**God soooooo loved you and me that He GAVE His only Son!**

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**Though love is often in short supply in this world, it is abundantly on our minds!**

**According to Amazon.com, there are at least 32,507 books now in print with the word “love” in the title, and over 145,000 that deal with the subject of love.**

**And over 11,000 popular albums/CDs have “love” in their title!**

**If you were to do a google-search on the internet, you’d discover at least 121,000,000 websites that use the word “love” as one of their key words.**

**So it’s undeniable how important love is to people all over the world.**

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**And yet we live in a world where true love is very hard to find, and often misunderstood.**

**If you think about it, much of what we call “love” in modern America bears no resemblance to the holy, spiritual love of God.**

**For instance, if you’ve been paying attention we’re now told that, if you truly love someone, you will never judge their decisions or lifestyle.**

**In other words, true love is deaf, dumb, and silent and it will never judge another.**

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**But is this the kind of love that the Bible calls “indescribable?”**

**We can start with why God sent His Son in the first place.**

**Speaking through Isaiah the Prophet, God says: “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6 NKJV).**

**This passage tells us that God sent His Son following His assessment of our sin.**

**In love He judged our condition and in love He gifted us with a solution—His only begotten Son!**

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**I can tell you that if God had not let me know what He thought of my lifestyle I would never have gotten saved!**

**But God, in love, told me the truth and in love He tells all of us the truth so that we can know we're in the wrong and need a Savior.**

**The fact is that true love does not overlook that which damages and destroys the object of its love, but is truthful, honest, caring, and remedial!**

**Jesus said, "They (they world) would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin" (John 15:22 NLT).**

**We see in Scripture that the first words out of His mouth when He began to preach were, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near" (Matt 4:17 NLT).**

**Now, do you believe Jesus truly loved those He commanded to repent? Of course He did!**

**So the indescribable gift of Jesus flowed out of God's indescribable love—A love that cared enough to tell us the truth and give us an answer, a remedy!—Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son!**

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**Secondly, The indescribable gift of Jesus Christ required an:**

**II. Indescribable sacrifice**

**We will never in our finite minds be able to comprehend the immensity of the sacrifice God made in sending His Son to die for us, or the sacrifice the Son made in giving up His life on the Cross!**

**But let's try.**

**Paul the Apostle describes in Philippians 2 what theologians call "the great condescension."**

**The great condescension is about the incremental steps downward Jesus took when leaving heaven to be born on earth, live a sinless life, die on the Cross for our sins, and rise from the dead for our justification.**

**The Great Condescension is when *God the Son, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father, submitted to the limitations of flesh as Mary's baby boy on whom He depended for his food, his diapers, and his care.***

**The Great Condescension is when *God the Son, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father, is sung a lullaby.* What a thought!**

**The Great Condescension took place when *God the Son, Creator of the universe, stretched out His hands and feet to be nailed to the cross for the sins of the world, even the sins of those that abused and crucified Him!***

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**The Apostle Paul says that, "...though He was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights as God," (2:7 LB)**

**Instead, He let go of, relinquished, released His rights.**

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**He also "laid aside his mighty power and glory," (2:7a LB)**

**God the Son divested Himself of the supreme glory and infinite power that were His in heaven...He let go of the magnificence that was His!**

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**And further, He "took the disguise of a slave and became like men" (2:7b LB).**

**While on earth, Jesus veiled the fulness of Who He was from the sight of men; He hid or disguised Himself. (Elaborate)**

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**And finally, He humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross" (2:8 LB).**

**God's indescribable gift required indescribable sacrifice!**

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**And finally, the indescribable gift of Jesus Christ produced:**

**III. Indescribable results**

**FIRST, for those who look to Him in faith as their Savior, all sin is forgiven.**

**We are pardoned, our transgressions are forgotten, our iniquities are washed away in the crimson flow of His innocent blood, shed for us on the Tree!**

**"...he forgave all your sins, 14 and blotted out the charges proved against you, the list of his commandments which you had not obeyed. He took this list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross." (Col. 2:13-14 LB).**

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**But there's MORE! God's indescribable gift reconciled us to God, which means placed us back in His arms, brought us into His Presence, welcomed us into His heaven!**

**The Bible says, "You...were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. 22 Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault" (Col. 1:21-22 NLT).**

**But there's MORE still!**

**We were delivered from Satan's grip, snatched from his kingdom of darkness, set free from serving as his slave, and placed into the loving care of the Good Shepherd in the kingdom of light!**

**We are given a brand new nature, a spiritual heart transplant!**

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**And FINALLY, God's indescribable gift gave to us eternal life!**

**Eternal life—life that never ends, worshipping at His feet, endless, uninterrupted fellowship with the Savior!**

**Life with no fear of death, life free of sickness, pain, and sorrow.**

**Jesus said, "Whoever believes in the Son (speaking of Himself) has eternal life" (John 3:36 NIV).**

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**Summary:**

**God's indescribable gift, His Son Jesus Christ, 1.) came from indescribable love, 2.) required an indescribable sacrifice, and 3.) produces indescribable results!**