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Ephesians 4:8 ...“When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

1. We must _____ the gift.

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

2. We must _____ the gift to fully _____ it.

Psalms 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

3. We must take ownership and _____ it daily.

UNWRAPPING THE GIFT

2 Peter 1:3-4

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1. He gave us unconditional _____.

Ephesians 2:4-5 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

2. He _____ us.

Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

3. He made us sons and daughters by _____ into his family.

Ephesians 1:4-6 (MSG) Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

Galatians 4:6-7 (MSG) You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, “Papa! Father!”

4. He gave us _____.

Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

John 8:35-36 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

5. He gave us _____.

Hebrews 12:2a ...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith...

Romans 12:3b . . . the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

6. He gave us _____ of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Psalms 103:12 ...As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

7. He gave us _____.

Romans 6:22-23 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result

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

John 3:14-15 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

8. He gave us his Spirit and _____.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate (intercessor, counselor, comforter) to help you and be with you forever...

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

Acts 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

9. He gave us _____ communication.

1 Corinthians 14:2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

Romans 8:26-27

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10. He gave us _____ to use his name.

John 14:12-13 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

11. He gave us _____ and blessings.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

12. He gave us _____.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

13. He gave us _____.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

14. He gave us _____.

Psalms 34:19 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

Psalms 91:11-15 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. 14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

15. He gave us his _____.

Romans 6:14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 3:24 And all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

2 Corinthians 12:9