

Spiritual How-to's
How to please God
#2 Accept His gift

Thank you for clicking in for this short spiritual how to.

Review: Last week – 1. Believe God exists 2. Believe He rewards
This week – Accept His gift

Introduction - Who doesn't like getting a gift? C'mon... show gift...

We give gifts:

- to celebrate something of someone: event, achievement -BD, ANN, RETIRE.
- to express love or affection or thanks: VD, COMMITM., APPRECIATION.
- thinking about someone: just because
- because there's a need: GoFUND, meals, poor, \$\$

I. God, who is love (I Jn. 4:8) GAVE US A GIFT.

A. He loved you, and every one in the world, SO MUCH

- that He gave His only son as a gift
- so no one need be destroyed but instead
- have eternal life by believing in him John 3

B. Jesus, God's gift to us gives life to our spirit

- our flesh lives because we were physically born
- and we are **born again** when we believe in Jesus. That's when our spirit is born, or comes alive.
- and by believing in Jesus, we receive eternal life

C. God's gift to you, is Jesus and a relationship with Him forever into eternity

There's never been so great a gift. There's never been so great a love.

II. When we believe in Jesus, that places us in Christ now. 2 Cor. 5:17

A. We are a new creation

- the old is gone
- the new has come

B. Flesh gives birth to flesh, Spirit gives birth to spirit

- there's the flesh Debbie and the spirit Debbie

C. The flesh and God do not agree. Rom. 8:6-8

- is hostile to God
- is death
- does not submit to God
- cannot please God

D. The Spirit gives life and peace

- and these 2 war within us. Flesh and spirit.

E. God's gift to you is bringing life to your eternal **spirit**

And freeing you from hostility and rebellion toward God

III. Your life is hidden in Christ. He's covered it all, all of your past, present and future.

A. We are IN CHRIST. New creatures, learning to live in the spirit now. Not according to the flesh.

B. Good thing too, because God looked down from heaven and saw Jesus and said,

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASSED. Mat. 3:17

1. If we are in Christ, then God looks at us the same way as He did Jesus
2. And He says, we are his son/daughter, in whom he is well pleased

IV. God gave us the gift of Jesus

A. To celebrate the eternal life Jesus purchased for us

B. To express His love and affection for YOU

C. Because He was thinking about You when Jesus came and died

E. Because we needed saving from eternal death

V. Have you received God's gift?

Are you learning to live in the spirit and NOT the flesh?

This is what pleased God

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