

THE CHURCH IS A GIFT FROM GOD

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God is the giver of all good gifts (James 1:17).

1. Life is a gift from God: He is our Creator/Maker – Psalm 139:13-16

- Every person is made in the image and likeness of God. Genesis 1:26-27
- God breathed into his life and we became a living soul. Genesis 2:7

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

- In the past “you were dead in your transgressions and sins...you followed the ways of this world...” & Satan himself, the ruler of this world. Eph. 2:1-2
- You were separated from Christ and His kingdom community. 2:12
- You were without hope and without God. 2:12

3. The church is a gift from God given to you at salvation

- You were adopted into God’s diverse family. Eph. 1:5

- You are part of God's army. You are in a spiritual battle. Eph. 6:10-18
- Satan's goal is to steal, kill, destroy and divide. John 10:10
- God's goal is perfect unity, like Jesus prayed for in John 17:23, Eph. 2:14-22
- Therefore Paul confronted Peter. Galatians 2:11-14
- "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10, Revelation 5:9, 7:9