

THE WEEKLY WORD

Word: Gift

Passage: John 6:35-40

Key Verses: John 6: 37,39

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out..... And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.."

Commentary:

When we hear the word *gift* referred to in a sermon or a Bible study, we immediately associate this word with God's many gifts to us, including the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the gift of salvation. But Scripture also teaches us that believers are the Father's gift to His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. This is an incredible truth that is worthy of our meditation.

In Ephesians 1, Paul prays that the believers at Ephesus would have "the eyes of their hearts enlightened to know (among other things)...the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints..." God desires us to truly understand this wonderful truth: we are forever his glorious possession. This means that in Christ, we have a glorious destiny; we have become inestimably valuable to God because of what Christ has done for us on our behalf.

Challenge:

This week, brothers and sisters, remember *to whom* you belong. Your identity is grounded in the truth that you are Christ's precious possession and that God anticipates, with joy, the time "in the coming ages [when] He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:7). In a real sense, our destinies are to be eternal trophies that will display God's grace. And since we are Christ's inheritance, we could not be more secure!

Prayer:

Father, truly through Your Spirit, enlighten the eyes of our hearts to know the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints. Help us to believe and let this truth increasingly shape our identity. In the Name of Jesus we ask this, Amen.

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