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Reading: 2 Corinthians ch 9 v 15, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift".

"Unspeakable" means "Indescribable". When we receive a gift we know it is ours. We can receive the Lord as a gift, take Him to ourselves and call Him mine. He is an indescribable gift.

John tells us that the world could not hold the books that could be written about the Lord Jesus Christ (John 21: 25). Paul had received the gift and wanted to thank God for it. Peter writes that we have "joy unspeakable" through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:8). Seraphim cried, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" (Isa 6:3).

There is no logic in God's love. He passed by glorious angels when He came down to earth so that we might have Salvation. What value would you put on the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ shed at Calvary? Peter says that "We are not redeemed by corruptible things as silver and gold ...but with the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:18,19). What is the value of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ? You cannot put a value on it. It was enough to save our souls from sin and cleanse our hearts. He went to Calvary's cross to pay the redemption cost. There is no payment for us to make, no work required for it, it is the free gift of God.

Paul writes about the "Meekness and gentleness of Christ" (2 Cor 10:1). He is meek. His gentleness was linked with humility. Can you think of the One that drew near to you when you needed Salvation?

He drew near to the Samaritan woman at the well. "Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9) but He did. She was so overcome she told others of the Christ, the greatest gift of God: "Come see a man who told me all things that ever I did is not this the Christ" (John 4:29)

We would stand in our sin before the Judge of all the world and give account - "The books will be opened" (Rev 20:12)

He is holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners. He says, "Be ye holy for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). He is innocent and unsoiled but "He became sin for us who knew no sin" (2 Cor 5:21). Men could look at Christ and call Him righteous. Everything about Him was true. We read of the "Riches of goodness, forbearance and longsuffering", forgetting that the "Goodness of God leads to repentance" (Rom 2:4).

God brings about true grace in our lives. The "Law was given by Moses but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).

The God of heaven says He's unsoiled. He became the sin offering for us. "The Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

He was patient. How would you have responded to the pressure that was put upon Him? "When He was reviled, He reviled not again" (1 Pet 2:23).

He was powerful. Do you know the power of God in life? "He has power on earth to forgive sins" (Mark 2:10). He is "Chiefest among ten thousand", "He is altogether lovely" (Song of Sol 5:10, 16). There's nothing about Him that's not lovely.