

James Lesson 1
Every Good Gift
James 1:16-18
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Thesis: I want to show what are good gifts as we find them in James.

- Intro: 1. When you think of good gifts from God what do you think of?
2. Not every gift is physical in nature.

I. Christ: God's Good and Perfect Gift (**2 Cor 9:15**)

- A. Good because of man's need
 - 1. God's love shown through sacrifice (**Jn 3:16**)
 - 2. **1 Tim 1:15**
- B. Perfect-complete
 - 1. Christ has the words of life (**Jn 6:68**)
 - 2. Christ is the author of salvation (**Heb 5:8-9**)
 - 3. If Christ is perfect gift
 - a. Don't go back to the old law (**Gal 2:21**)
 - b. Don't go onward to human philosophy (**Col 2:8**)

II. Bible: God's Good and Perfect Gift

- A. From God or man?
 - 1. **2 Pt 1:21**: Two things
 - a. How Bible didn't come
 - b. How it did come.
 - 2. Subject matter of Scriptures of such a nature that:
 - a. Good but unaided men couldn't write it.
 - b. Bad men wouldn't write it.
- B. Good. **Hebrews 6:5** (Seen in man's need for it)
 - 1. To show man where and how to walk the road of life (**Ps 119:105**)
 - 2. To reveal saving truth to men (**James 1:21**)
 - 3. To enable man to have his soul purified (**1 Pt 1:22a**)
 - 4. To give an inheritance to men among the sanctified (**Acts 20:32**)
- C. Perfect (**2 Tim 3:16-17**)

III. Church: God's Family is a Good Gift

- A. Good? Saved in it.
 - 1. Where does God save? Those in the ark, those in the house of God, the church. (**Gal 3:26-27**)
 - 2. In Christ (Reconciliation **2 Cor 5:10**, **Eph 2:16**)
 - 3. If saved out of the church:
 - a. Without blood (**Acts 20:28**)
 - b. Out of God's family (**1 Tim 3:15**)

C. Perfect from the divine aspect.

1. Organization
2. Worship
3. Soul-saving purpose
4. Soul-caring responsibility.

Application & Conclusion:

1. A good gift shows love for and interest in one.
2. God loved and gave (Jn 3:16, ref only)
3. If we love in return, we give to God:
 - A. Self (**2 Cor 8:5**)
 - B. Time (**Eph 5:15-16**)
 - C. Talents (*Mt 25:14-30*, ref only)
 - D. Material possessions (**1 Cor 16:1-2**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9