

THE GIVING CHRIST

Matthew 20:28; 26:50-56

Introduction:

Perhaps our first Scripture memorized is about giving as John 3:16 states. I believe we can apply this to our lives in saying, “What can I do for my Lord and His church?” Truly, Jesus knew whereof He spoke in saying, ***It is more blessed to give than to receive*** – Acts 20:35. For us to surpass the magnitude of Christ’s giving is impossible. In my attempt to portray the giving Christ, let’s turn to the Scriptures.

I. (Matt. 20:28) **HE GAVE HIS LIFE.**

Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

1. For man, the giving of one’s life marks the end.
 - A. Man can give no more after life has passed.
 - B. Doors of opportunity for him are shut.
 - C. Only those things promised and willed by him to others can be given after his death.
2. Christ had to give His life to open the door to greater blessing.
3. In the Garden of Gethsemane, on the cross, and from the empty tomb, Jesus yielded Himself to open greater gifts to us.

II. (Rom. 8:15) **HE GAVE US ADOPTION.**

For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’

1. By Christ giving His life, He opened the door to adoption, which is the oldest and greatest adoption agency of all.
2. We are born the second time instantly into the family of God.
3. Gal. 4:5 states that we’ve “received the adoption of sons.”
 - A. We are children of the King by His royal blood.
 - B. Many times, we get down and all the Lord from heaven should have to say is “Son” or “Daughter.”

III. (Heb. 9:15) **HE GAVE US AN INHERITANCE.**

He is the mediator of the new testament that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

1. The whole world, both now and the one to come, is in our inheritance.
2. This should remind us of the gospel song that’s says, “I have no mansion here below, but Jesus said that I could go to a place not made with hands.”
3. Psalm 37:1-2 – ***Fret not yourself because of evil doers, neither be envious against the workers of iniquity; for they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb.***

IV. **HE GAVE CHRISTIANS A RESPONSIBILITY.**

1. He gave us the responsibility of a right walk.
Therefore, to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin – James 4:17.
2. He gave us the responsibility of a right talk.
But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come up on you; and you shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth – Acts 1:8.
3. He gave us the responsibility of a right work.
 - A. ***For we are laborers together with God, you are God’s cultivated field, you are God’s building*** – I Cor. 3:9.
 - B. ***For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them*** – Ephesians 2:10.

Conclusion:

Christ has gone beyond all in giving. Now, will you accept His gift and give Him yourself?