

The Gift of Belief

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What I want to share here is a brief chapter on the same gifts that are given to every Christian. You have been given so many gifts as a child of God, but the preaching of these gifts have given way to the teaching of ministry gifts. I think these gifts are even more important to understand, because they belong to all true believers! Even truly believing in Jesus Christ is a gift from God!

Belief in Jesus Christ: *And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, AND THAT OF GOD. **For unto you it is given** in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; (Philippians 1:28,29 KJV).(see **John 17:1-26** and **John 3:15-21 KJV**).*

Saving Faith: *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (Ephesians 2:8 KJV).*

Other Gifts given to all true believers

Holy Ghost: *And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 10:45 KJV).*

Righteousness: *For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:17 KJV).*

Repentance: *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will (2 Tim 2:24-26 KJV).*

Grace: *Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. (Ephesians 3:7 KJV).*

Eternal Life: *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23 KJV).*

Understanding: *And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (1 John 5:20 KJV).*

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