

God's Gift of His Son

by Andrew Murray

The greatest work of God's love for us is giving us His Son, in whom we have all we need.

Scripture: Matthew 11:28, John 3:16, John 14:6, Romans 8:32, 2 Corinthians 9:15, Ephesians 1:3, Philippians 4:19, Colossians 2:9-10, Hebrews 7:25, 1 John 5:12

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Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes the profound love of God in giving His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to humanity. This gift is not merely a blessing but the very essence of life and salvation, as Jesus embodies all that we need for forgiveness, guidance, and eternal life. Murray encourages believers to fully embrace and possess this gift, reminding them that Jesus is always available to meet their needs and strengthen their faith. He urges young Christians to recognize the importance of daily receiving and relying on Jesus, who is their wisdom, light, and king. Ultimately, the sermon celebrates the unspeakable gift of Jesus, urging believers to take Him into their lives wholeheartedly.

Transcript

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" II Corinthians 9:15.

God held the world so dear that He gave His only begotten Son for everyone who will trust in Him. And how did He give Him? He gave Him in His birth as man, in order to be forever one with us. He gave Him in His death on the cross as surety, in order to take away our sin and curse. He gave Him on the throne of heaven, in order to arrange for our welfare, as our Representative and Intercessor over all the powers of heaven. He gave Him in the outpouring of the Spirit, in order to dwell in us--to be entirely and altogether our own.¹ Yes, that is the love of God. He gave His Son to us, for us, and in us.

Nothing less than His Son Himself. This is the love of God. It is not that He gives us something, but that He gives us Someone--a living person--not one or another blessing, but Him, who is all life and blessing--Jesus Himself. He does not simply give us forgiveness, revival, sanctification, or glory--He gives us His own Son, Jesus. The Lord Jesus is the beloved, the equal, the bosom friend, the eternal blessedness of the Father. And it is the will of God that we should have Jesus as ours, even as He has Him.² For this reason He gave Him to us. The whole of salvation consists of this--to have, to possess, to

enjoy Jesus. God has given His Son, given Him wholly to become ours.³

What do we have to do? To take Him, to receive and to take possession of the gift--to enjoy Jesus as our own. This is eternal life. "He that hath the Son hath life."⁴

How I wish that all young Christians would understand this. The one great work of God's love for us is, He gives us His Son. In Him we have all. Therefore, the one great work of our heart must be to receive this Jesus who has been given to us, and to consider and use Him as ours. I must begin every day anew with the thought, I have Jesus to do all for me.⁵ In all weakness or darkness or danger--in the case of every desire or need--let your first thought always be, I have Jesus to make everything right for me. God has given Him to me for this purpose. Whether your need is forgiveness, consolation, or confirmation, remember, the Father gave you Jesus to care for you. Whether you have fallen, or are tempted to fall, into danger, remember, Jesus has been given to you for your care. Whether you do not know the will of God in one matter or another, or whether you are unsure of your strength and courage to do His will, remember, Jesus will care for you.

For this reason, rely every day on this gift from God. It has been presented to you in the Word. Appropriate the Son by faith in the Word. Take Him again every day. Through faith you have the Son.⁶ The love of God has given the Son. Take Him and hold Him steadily in the love of your heart.⁷ It is to bring life, eternal life, to you that God has given Jesus. Take Him up into your life. Let your heart and tongue and whole walk be under the might and guidance of Jesus.⁸

Young Christian, so weak and so sinful, please listen to that word. God has given you Jesus. He is yours. Taking is nothing else but the fruit of faith. The gift is for you. He will do all for you.

Lord Jesus, today and every day, I take You. In all Your fullness and in all Your relations, without ceasing, I take You for myself. You are my Wisdom, my Light, my Leader. I take You as my Prophet. You, who perfectly reconciles me and brings me near to God, who purifies and sanctifies me and prays for me, I take as my Priest. You, who guides and keeps and blesses me, I take as my King. You, Lord, are all, and You are wholly mine. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. Amen.

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