

A GIFT TO SHARE

Scripture: John 3:16

Introduction:

- A. This much loved and oft quoted verse of Scripture seems to say it all in a few words.**
- B. But it seems most important to take note of all these 25 English words express about the Gift to be shared.**

I. THIS GIFT WAS PLANNED

- A. Like so many lesser gifts, this Gift required planning. (The Commercial concerning the old Ford pickup)**
- B. Hebrews 13:20 looks in on the planning for this gift and reveals the Holy Trinity entering into covenant between themselves to bring about the giving of this Gift.**
- C. Revelation 13:8 reveals the awful requirement necessary for the giving of this Gift.**

II. THIS GIFT WAS PROMISED.

- A. Genesis 3:15 is God's record of this promise.**
- B. When the disobedience of the first Adam had infected the whole human race in sin, God spoke; He promised the Seed of the woman would be the Gift through which every other promise would come to man.**

III. THIS GIFT WAS PICTURED.

- A. Genesis 3:15 not only identified the Gift, but also set forth the way the Seed of the Woman would accomplish the giving.**
- B. Genesis 4:4 records how Abel's offering of the first of his flock pictured the shedding of the blood of God's little Lamb -- Jesus Christ -- on the cross of Calvary as payment for our sin.**
- C. The Passover lamb in Egypt providing the means by which Israel was set free from bondage also pictured the giving of the Gift.**
- D. The offerings connected with the Tabernacle services all in some way pictured this Gift.**

IV. THIS GIFT WAS PERFECTED IN THE HUMAN BODY OF JESUS CHRIST;

- A. His conception in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit gave Him life without the Adamic nature.**
- B. He grew up and lived a life in total obedience to God the Father.**
- C. He willingly suffered and bled and died on the cross in fulfillment of the plan of the Holy Trinity.**
- D. He was buried and on the third day He rose in victory over death, hell and the grave.**

V. THIS GIFT MADE POSSIBLE THE GIVING OF ETERNAL LIFE.

- A. The price has been paid, the sin debt has been settled and eternal is possible for any and all of Adam's fallen race.**
- B. This gift of eternal life not only possible, The gift becomes a reality to all who will admit their sin, confess it to God and ask His forgiveness and trust the saving of their soul to Jesus.**

VI. THIS GIFT ESTABLISHES PERPETUAL PRAISE TO THE GIVER OF THE GIFT.

- A. All we who receive this Gift praise to God of the universe for His unspeakable Gift to man.**
- B. But we shall in the ages to come praise Him for the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus – THE GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE.**

VII. THIS GIFT PERSISTS IN BEING SHARED WITH OTHERS.

- A. Child of God, What was the first thing you wanted to do when you knew God had saved you from your sin?**
- B. There is a song that speaks both of this feeling and of God's will in our lives. It is called PASS IT ON.**
- C. The more we share this Gift, the sweeter it grows.**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior?**
- B. Have you accepted this great gift of love?**
- C. If you possess this Gift, are you sharing Him with others?**