

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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An Inexpressible Gift

-Renn Ferguson

As Paul wrote to the Corinthian church he made the statement, "thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15, ESV) The natural question that flows from this is what is this gift? Some contend that it is the contribution that was being given by Corinth. Others contend that it is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Who is correct? In a way both are correct.

Notice verse 13, "By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others"



Why would God be glorified? Because of the Corinthians submission to the gospel. The proof of their submission was their generosity. The natural result of submitting to the gospel would be a life of benevolence. The gospel, which motivates one to be generous, is certainly a gift from God. Now notice verse 14, "while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you."

Why were they praying for the Corinthians? Because of the grace of God that was upon them and at work in them. What proof was there of God's grace in the Corinthians? Their generosity. His grace motivates us to be gracious to others (8:8-9).

The inexpressible gift, in my view, is the contribution given by the Corinthians which was motivated by the gospel which was given by the grace of God. Ultimately, this gift can be trace back to God's grace. The contribution was just the physical manifestation of God's grace, and the working of the gospel in the lives of the Corinthians.

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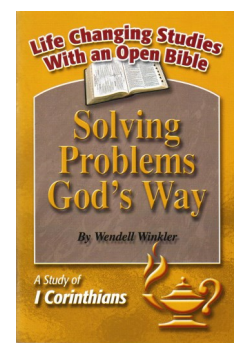


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Wendell Winkler

13 lessons from 1 Corinthians
Home Bible study course

2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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Apollos and Paul

Acts 18:24-19:7

I. Be Teachable.

- A. Apollos was knowledgeable and zealous- 18:24-26a
- B. His knowledge was lacking- 18:25
- C. The Ephesians were in a similar situation- 19:1-4
- D. Both, when shown the truth, listened- 18:27-28, 19:5
- E. We must emulate their humility- Titus 1:9, 2:15, Proverbs 15:5, 32

II. Be Teaching.

- A. Priscilla, Aquila, and Paul took the time to teach- 18:26, 19:2-4
- B. After receiving instruction, Apollos and the Ephesians continued to teach- 18:27-28, 19:6
- C. We first must teach truth- 18:26, 19:4, Galatians 1:6-10
- D. We must do so compassionately- 18:26, 19:2, 3, Galatians 6:1, Ephesians 4:15

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 717 Victory in Jesus

Song: 78 Can You Count the Stars?

Prayer

Song: 310 In Gethsemane Alone (v. 1-3 then chorus)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 664 There Stands a Rock

Song: 404 Looking to Thee

Scripture Reading: Acts 18:24-28

Sermon

Song: 739 What Will You Do with Jesus?

Song: 273 I Know the Lord Will Find a Way (v. 1, 3)

Prayer

Acts 18:24-28

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JOHN
WROTE
DISCIPLES
BAPTISM
APOLLOS
MIGHTY
JESUS
EPHESUS
WAY
SPEAKING
WELCOME
ACCURATELY
TEACHING
EXPLAINED
SPIRIT
INSTRUCTED
REFUTED
BIRTH
JEW
BELIEVED
AQUILA
ENCOURAGED
BOLDLY

Acts 18:24-28

- ²⁴ Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.
- ²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;
- ²⁶ and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.
- ²⁷ And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,
- ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.

Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10