

Advent
Gail Arterburn –2024

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed – 11/18/24

Lesson 5
The Indescribable Gift

1. List some of the verses you found meaningful in the following passages that were literally fulfilled by Christ on the cross.
 - Psalm 22

 - Isaiah 52:13-53:12

 - What was God’s plan for His son? Why did He come? How did He save us? Where is He now? (Acts 1:6-11)

2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:15. Consider the amazing aspects of this indescribable gift of Christ and salvation from the following passages:
 - Who were the recipients of this indescribable gift? (Romans 5:6-8)

 - What did it accomplish? (Micah 7:18-19, Psalm 103:1-12, Romans 3:21-26)

 - Our new relationship? (Ephesians 2:11-13, 1 John 3:1)

 - Our deposit and future guarantee? (2 Cor 1:21-22, 5:5)

 - Our current peace? (Phil 4:7)

 - Our heavenly home? (John 14:1-3)

3. Why does Paul call Christ and salvation an *indescribable gift*? Why is it beyond description?

4. According to 2 Cor. 9:15, what should be our response to such an “indescribable gift”? How do we do that?

5. During the season of Advent before Christmas, we look back and remember his birth, His life on earth, His death and resurrection. We still live temporarily in a broken world, yet we are filled with hope as we wait eagerly in anticipation of His physical return, His second Advent, the culmination of

all He came to do; the final solution, restoration and re-creation of all there is. Consider these basic truths about the Second Coming of Christ:

- *The day is a secret.* (Read Acts 1:7, Mark 13:32-33, Luke 12:40)
- *His appearing will be sudden.* (Matt. 24:42-44, 1 Cor 15:51-52, 2 Peter 3:10)
- *The event will be spectacular.* (Joel 2:30-31, Matt.24:27-30, 1 Thess 4:16-18)
- *His return is certain.* (Matt. 24:30-35)
- *He will bring both judgement and reward; damnation and salvation; he will separate the godly from the godless.* (Matt 25:31-46)
- *The greatest story of all time has a great ending! All will be well.* (Rev 21:1-4)
- Why do you think God disclosed some things, but not all things about Christ's return? In light of these truths, how should we live now? Are you prepared for His coming? Have you received the indescribable gift?
- As you think back of these lessons on Advent, how were you encouraged? What was meaningful to you?

6. What does the fulfillment of all these prophecies about Christ – origin, birth, death, resurrection, return - tell you about God and His Word?

7. What does the story of Christ tell you about God's love, mercy, and grace as well as His holiness?