

GOD'S LOVE, JOY, PEACE

GOD PROVED HIS LOVE BY SENDING HIS SON TO DIE FOR MAN'S SINS

"I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, **For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son;** who is Christ the Lord; **that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.**"

Angel's proclamation, Luke 2:10b,11 & Jesus Christ's proclamation, John 3:16

TO US WHO ACCEPT GOD'S LOVING OFFER OF SALVATION:

1. WE RECEIVE ETERNAL SALVATION

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, **because of His great love with which He loved us,**
5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ**
(by grace you have been saved)

2. WE RECEIVE THE ADOPTION AS SONS, SONS OF GOD

Galatians 4:4 When the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman,
born under the Law, 5 in order that He might redeem those who were under the
Law, that we might receive **the adoption as sons.** 6 And because you are **sons,**
God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
7 You are no longer a slave, but **a son;** and if **a son,** then an heir through God.
(see also: Romans 8:14-17 & 9:23-26; Galatians 3:7,26 & Ephesians 1:5)

3. WE RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLING FOR EMPOWERING

John 14:16 Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper,** that
He may be with you forever; 17 that is **the Spirit** of truth, whom the world cannot
receive, ... you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you."

4. WE RECEIVE THE PROTECTION & AID OF GOD'S HOLY ANGELS

Angels care for us during our earthly lives:

Hebr 1:14 **Are angels not all ministering spirits,** sent out to render service for the sake of **those**
who will inherit salvation? (see also: Gen 19:1,16; Dan 6:22; Luke 22:43; Acts 12:6-11)

Angels transport our souls to heaven after our physical death:

Luke 16:22a "Lazarus died and **was carried away by the angels** to Abraham's bosom"

5. WE RECEIVE SPIRITUAL GIFTS & ARE IN LOVE URGED TO USE THEM IN SPIRITUAL SERVICE

1st Cor 14:12 Since you are zealous of **spiritual gifts,** **seek to abound for the edification of the church.**

Romans 12:4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the
same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, ... 6a And since we have
gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, **let each exercise them accordingly:**

6. WE ARE LOVINGLY URGED TO GROW FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT FOR OUR SPIRITUAL SAFETY

Galatians 5:16 **Walk by the Spirit,** and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ... 19 Now
the deeds of the flesh are evident, ... 22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.

7. WE ARE GIVEN REWARDS FROM JESUS CHRIST FOR SPIRITUAL SERVICE PERFORMED

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must
believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder** of those who seek Him.

1st Cor 3:13 Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be
revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall **receive a reward.**

Revelation 22:12 Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward** is with Me, to render
to every man according to what he has done."