

THE INDESCRIBABLE GIFT

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How many times is the WORD GIFT in the Bible?

King James: 104 New King James: 113 New Living Translation: 299

Matthew 7:11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

Philippians 4:17 I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.

Matthew 2:11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

However, when it comes to the matter of our salvation, the New Testament writers use different Greek words—words that emphasize the gracious and absolutely free quality of the gift!

1.a) DOREA [do-ray], MEANING "A FREE GIFT." This word lays particular stress on the gratuitous nature of the gift—it is something given above and beyond what is expected or deserved. Every New Testament occurrence of this word is related to a spiritual gift from God.

1.b) DOREAN [do-ray-an], MEANING "A FREE GIFT." "Being justified FREELY by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

The gift of salvation is free, and the motive for the gift is nothing more than the grace of the Giver.

2) Charisma, meaning "a gift of grace." This word is used to define salvation...

ROMANS 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the GIFT [charisma] of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 12:6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

2 Timothy 1:6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

ROMANS 4:4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

ROMANS 11:6 And since it is through God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.

JOHN 1:12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

JOHN 3:16 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

EPHESIANS 2:8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

EPHESIANS 2:9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

