

Zoe!
Part 12: Giving the Life!
Slide Notations

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish but have everlasting life! **J3.16** “For When the fullness of time had come God sent His son to redeem them that were under the law...” **G4.4,5** “For when we were without strength, at the ordained time, Christ came and died for sinners...” **R5.6** “And by the righteousness of the One, the free gift of forgiveness and eternal life came to all...” **R5.18**

We’ve been looking at the life of God, as He has it, offered to us... He’s made us an offer to become a partaker of His Divine Nature... And it’s obvious... God is a Giver!

The Divine Nature to Give!

He gives w/o respect of persons! **R2.11 (D1.17, 16.19, 2Chr19.7, Pr24.23, 28.21, A10.34, E6.9, Col3.25, Ja2.9, 1P1.17...)** God so loved He gave His Son so that whosoever would believe... **J3.16** While none right... **R3.10,22-25** When we were weak... **R5.6** While yet His enemies... **R5.8** **He gives in over-flowing measure!** The gift of God is *eternal life*... **R6.23** With His own Son He will *freely give us all things*... **R8.32** He gives *all things richly to enjoy*... **1T6.17** We have been given the Holy Spirit so that we may know the things that are freely given to us by God! **1C2.12** **He gives to give/ it’s His nature!** Favor and peace be multiplied to you thru knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. According as His Divine power *has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness* thru knowledge of Him who called us to glory and virtue – *which is why we are given exceeding great and precious promises that by them we can become partakers of His Divine nature!* **2P1.3,4**

He is Jehovah-Jireh, the Provider... not something He does, something He is!

The Human Nature to Give!

We give to those we love... Max to mates, children, family, friends! Little to strangers... Certainly nothing to enemies! **We give in measure!** Limited resources further choked by emotions, hormones, calendar! **We give to get something in return!** Give extravagantly to get an emotional response from their “loved one!”

Giving asides... The study of why people give, what makes them give, is now a science... **Guilt;** either that we are so prosperous or others are so poor... Show picture/w/name/more disaster. **Self image;** such over-consumers that giving can make us feel good/ourselves. **Aside²:** people who think badly of themselves give more (5x)! **Lust;** sexual fulfillment/opportunity! **Pride;** name on the wall!

Purely natural, completely human, and very un-godly!

From the beginning we were called to share God’s nature of giving... Not consuming all we have been given... to care for the poor, fatherless and strangers... L19.10, D24.21

He sacrificed so much so that we could be like Him... we must find our way back to experience His life!

Divine Nature in us!

We give w/o respect of persons... **Ja2.9** No difference in Christ! **Gal 3.26, Col 3.11** *Benevolence to all outside of Christ!* We give in flowing measure! **R15.13 A13.52 E5.18 Col4.12 (Pleromatics!)** As every man is able/blessings **Deut 16.17** Liberal made fat! **Pr11.25** Gives away and increases! **Pr11.24** We give to give/because it’s right/new nature/let God give back to us! **We give as stewards of His favor!** “what do you have that was not given to you? And if it was given to you why do you act as if it was yours? You are full and rich and you have lived like kings and I wish to God that you were actually living as Kings...” **1C4.7,8** “every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father...” **Jam1.17** “I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.” **2C12.15**

What’s it all for? What’s the point of His giving nature and having it in us? To show the world His love... to demonstrate it... until they get it... The greatest gift man has ever defined... eternal life – the life that is in His son! 1J5.11