

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

II Corinthians 9:15

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Nothing so produces thanksgiving like looking at the cross. We are great sinners and Christ is a great Savior! These are not study questions for a sermon, but a meditation on THE indescribable gift.

1. A. Read Isaiah 53, describe what you observe of Christ in the text.

B. Read Isaiah 53 again and interpret the description. What is it saying?

C. Finally, read Isaiah 53 again and apply the interpretation of the text to your own life. How is your life like the interpretation? What has the interpretation revealed that is missing in your life?

2. A. II Corinthians 9:15 is the title to this sermon. Read the context of the verse. Why the joyful burst in verse 15?
II Corinthians 9:6-15

B. Read Isaiah chapter 53 again, now as a back drop to the joyful burst in part II Corinthians 9:15. What is Isaiah 53 all about? Who is it about? How does it fit into history?

C. Faced with this “indescribable gift”, our sin falls in sharp contrast. How did the Apostle Paul describe this contrast in Romans 7:14-24? What did this contrast lead to in Romans 7:25-8:4?

3. A. In light of II Corinthians 9:15 and Isaiah 53, we are exhorted to mull over THE main event of history, the indescribable gift, the cross. Time does not allow us to read all four Gospel accounts and the epistles' repeated descriptions of THE main event. We are exhorted to read our Bibles with the main event in mind for it will bring health and glorious gratitude. Take a look at these passages with that in mind.
Leviticus 16:1-10, 20-22, Hebrews 8:1-2, 9:1-11, 10:1-14
I Corinthians 15:1-4, 54-58

B. Have you memorize the following verses? Take a moment right now and consider doing just that!
Psalm 103:10-12, II Corinthians 5:21, I Peter 2:24