



How things fit together in the Kingdom

Our Free Gifts

Did you know that some of the benefits under the New Covenant (NC) are free gifts? Free gifts mean we don't need to pay for them – they're free, gratis.

It's important to understand that these free gifts can't be earned – they're free in that respect also.

Most of us only think that our free gift is Salvation, but that's 'selling us short' of all that's available to us in the Kingdom.

What are these free gifts which are ours for the taking and using?

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(1) Salvation – To find out what salvation is really all about, read through my teaching documents here: “What is Salvation?”¹

(2) Age-enduring Life – ‘Eternal Life’ is the traditional Christian understanding of the only free gift we get from ‘God’². But what does it really mean? Peter said to Jesus: “*Adoni, to whom will we go? You have the divrei haChayyei Olam.*”^{xiii} This Hebrew expression has the modern understanding of ‘life after death’, but, we must understand chayyei olamin from the 1st century perspective? For Jews, chayei olam often had a different emphasis than life after death, especially when it was contrasted with chayei sha’ ah (‘fleeting life’). Chayei sha’ ah was about living a life that’s only concerned about everyday things. It’s about eating, sleeping, working & making money. Chayei olam is ‘lasting life’ or a ‘life of eternity’. It referred to living a life that was focused on matters of eternal (heavenly) importance. Consider this verse: “This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”^{xiv} Translated literally says: “this is the life age-during, that they may know thee, the only true God, and him whom thou didst send – Jesus Christ”.^{xv} Jesus was saying that knowing Father intimately and living with him as your Lord, here & now, is living as if you were already in eternity (i.e. living in Heaven’s realm). That makes a whole lot of sense, considering what we’ve been taught about

1 – canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=6853#salvation

2 – ‘God’: I use this term in inverted commas because ‘God’ is the generic term people use, while I don’t any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship.

Kingdom life by our King. What more eternal significance can there be than living his way? We can live this God-life right now and from now onwards, provided we tap into everything that's involved in it.

(3) Righteousness – Righteousness means our right standing with the Trinity. That right standing is a gift to us, so we don't have to work to be righteous. We can't make ourselves any more righteous than we already are, because that's how the Trinity see us – totally righteous. We can't do more good works to be more righteous – it doesn't work like that. All we can do is live more and more in alignment with their righteousness. That's is, we must work at speaking, thinking and doing things which are more in alignment with what they would want from us. There's a term for that, it's called 'holiness'.^{xvi} We need to work on our holiness, not our righteousness. The more holy we become is measured by how much more we operate righteously in comparison with the Trinity's standard. Holiness doesn't come from being a professional Christian, going to Bible college, becoming a priest, praying all day, reading a chapter of the Bible every day, doing good works, or becoming a missionary. None of these things which we thought would make us more holy are able to do so. It all comes down to how we live our life in comparison with the Trinity's standard.

(4) Justification – This means we are justified in Father's sight. In other words, he regards us as innocent of any wrongdoing. Justified is another way of saying we are righteous. As we are innocent of any sin, then we are just like him, and so, we can be in right standing with him. Our innocence is a free gift, we don't have to do anything to earn it. As he sees us as innocent, it's inconsistent for us to think we aren't. That means we can't work to become more innocent, because innocent means not guilty of anything – like a newborn baby is innocent.

(5) Sinlessness – We were “made free from sin”^{xvii} because Jesus became “sin for us”^{xviii} so that we'd become righteous. Father actually overlooks our sins because of The Son's blood sacrifice.^{xix} As Jesus freely did it for us, then we don't need to do anything about it – it's a gift. This gift of being sinless is why we have the gift of righteousness. Dealing with our daily sin now becomes the process of bringing our mind and soul under the oversight of our spirit, so we are less prone to sin. We always will sin, because we're not perfect. That's because our spirit has been regenerated, but not our body, soul and mind. These three contribute to our base nature ('flesh'),³ which wants to control us all the time.

(6) Living Water – Also known as 'The Water of Life'. “Living Water” (Mayim Chayyim Hb - מים חיים)^{xx} is what Jesus offered to the woman at the well in Sychar, Samaria.^{xxi} This is the vital refreshment we need every day to regain our freshness, energy and vitality.⁴ This refreshing is what the Spirit provides when we come into “the presence” and ‘hang out’ there. It's free. It can't be bought or earned.

(7) Life – Yes, the life we live is actually a gift to us. Life is good, not evil, because Father only gives us good gifts.^{xxii} Even so, we have a religious propensity to see life as evil when there's no basis for believing that. Therefore, we receive the gift of our life with thanks, dedicate it to the King and enjoy⁵ it. It's illogical not to enjoy the gift of life, but we must do it without life becoming our priority or our focus.

(8) Holy Spirit – We receive Holy Spirit as a gift when we are spiritually reborn.^{xxiii} He resides in us and is the conduit for the presence of our King in our Internal Kingdom⁶. He can't be bought.^{xxiv} On top of receiving Holy Spirit, we can be “Baptised in the Spirit”^{xxv}, “Filled with the Spirit”^{xxvi} and “anointed with the Spirit”^{xxvii}. These refer to a greater infilling which can be at various levels for the purposes of completing Kingdom assignments. Another name for this infilling is ‘The Baptism in the Holy Spirit’⁷ which many have experienced, despite the objections of those who haven't.

3 – “The Flesh: Our Human Base Nature” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/The-Flesh-Our-Human-Base-Nature.pdf

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7 – www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-is-the-baptism-of-the-holy-spirit

(9) Charismata – Also known as the ‘Charismatic Gifts’ or the ‘Ascension Gifts’, these are expressed in what is known as ‘The 5-Fold Ministries’. Charismata (χαρίσματα) [singular: charisma, χάρισμα] is the Greek word used for these special gifts which the Spirit enables in a believer. These gifts can be received at any time in our lives or as an impartation from the Spirit (not the person), usually with the “laying on of hands”^{xxxviii}. As the Spirit supplies these gifts, they provide supernatural ability in a particular area or areas of a son’s life. The gifts become evident in their life and develop in ability with practise. Because they become evident by display, it shouldn’t be assumed that a person has one of the gifts because they say so or because they have a written statement by a professional Christian – the gifts must be observed functioning through a person.

(10) Spiritual Abilities – These are given to everyone according to the grace that’s available to them.^{xxix} On top of the charismata, they include serving, exhorting (encouraging), leadership and showing mercy (compassion).^{xxx} There are also gifts of miracle working, healing, and administrations.^{xxxi} These are received as a gift at any time in our lives or as an impartation from the Spirit (not the person) with the “laying on of hands”^{xxxii}.

(11) Tongues – This is a free gift that accompanies the gift of Holy Spirit. Tongues should manifest, like prophecy, immediately a person comes into the Kingdom.^{xxxiii} Therefore, it can’t have been earned. Tongues (also known as glossolalia⁸) should become an important part of the communication life of a son because it provides error-free communication, spirit-to-Spirit^{xxxiv}. This communication occurs without the input of the brain, and should be our preferred spiritual communication method, in place of, or in addition to, prayer in our native language. This gift can be faked by a person speaking gibberish, but the genuine produces results in the spirit realm and the natural realm. As the Spirit empowers the genuine, the presence of the Spirit can be felt by the speaker of tongues. Be aware also that a demon can mimic tongues, but the ‘give-away’ that it’s fake is that it sounds guttural⁹, rather than pleasing or ecstatic.

(12) Grace – Also translated ‘favour’.^{xxxv} This is a gift, even though it’s the Trinity’s attribute of graciousness towards us. It’s categorized as a gift, because it’s given freely and it’s unmerited (we don’t deserve it because of our rebellion and lack of holiness).

What’s the **KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE** on our free gifts?

From a Kingdom perspective, **everything the Kingdom supplies is free**. We are Father’s sons, and everything our Father has is ours. All we have to do is to be a genuine son to receive them and, if necessary, ask for some. That’s one of the messages in the ‘Parable of the Prodigal Son’^{xxxvi}. Read it in the Living Bible or The Message and get a feel for what Jesus was wanting us to comprehend. For example:

*“Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and **everything that belongs to me is yours.**”¹⁰”^{xxxvii}*

Father is a wonderful daddy who always wants to shower us with good gifts. He’s actually prodigious (outlandish, stupendous, colossal) in the way he gives to us, which is why I prefer to call the parable the ‘Prodigal Father’.

As sons, it’s not always about asking for what we need or want, there’s more to it than that. In the Kingdom, it’s not about praying for something to materialize. Sons need to be about Father’s business, aligned with him and working in partnership with him. These also have a bearing on the gifts we are given. You see, gifts come to us depending on our level of maturity and our experience. That’s because we’re given gifts for Father’s purposes, not our own. Even the free gift of our sonship which Jesus purchased, is for Father’s purpose, not ours. The reason for that was Father’s loving desire to get his sons

8 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speaking_in_tongues

9 – DEFINITION: Of or relating to the throat. Having a harsh grating quality, as certain sounds produced in the back of the mouth.
www.thefreedictionary.com/guttural

10 – LITERALLY: “all my things are yours” www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2015:30-32&version=LEB#en-LEB-25611

back, along with his perfect creation. Of course we benefit from our sonship and the gifts he gives us, but we mustn't look at them from a self-focus point of view.

So, everything is ours, including the cosmos (the universe), because Father wants us to enjoy it with him. These are our entitlements as his sons. They're not in addition to our salvation, as one might think. This IS what we were "saved" for – ruling the natural realm with Father and The Son.

REMEMBER: Father doesn't take away the gifts from us that we receive from him^{xxxviii} – he's not mean-spirited. We do lose the ability to use some of them if we don't keep using them. That's why we need to keep spiritually 'fit' to maintain them.



IMPORTANT: Spiritual gifts are for serving as sons, not for ourselves,, although we do receive benefit from them.^{xxxix} They are also a sign to the world that the Kingdom has arrived and of what it's able to do.^{xl}

Finally, here's a word from our King about his gifts to us:

*"The heavenly realm is yours, beloved. **The kingdom of heaven is my gift to you.** Bring your heart into my kingdom until you are transformed from the inside out. The kingdoms of the earth will fade and fall, but my kingdom will increase and take you from glory to glory. Only come. Abide in my presence. Linger under the refreshing streams of love that flow from my heart to yours. Allow me to fill every crevice, every fiber of your being."*¹¹

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