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**WHY IS CHARITY THE GREATEST GIFT THAT REMAINS TODAY? (FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY)**

**I Corinthians 13:13** And now abideth faith, hope, **charity**, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. QUESTION: According to this verse, what three gifts remain for Christ's church for today? \_\_\_\_\_

The apostle Paul tells the Corinthian church, which is the body of Christ of which we are now members, to follow after charity and to desire spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 14:1). The complete spiritual gifts that remain for the church of this dispensation of grace, according to I Corinthians 13:13, are "*faith, hope, charity, these three,*" and the greatest is charity. So, we are to desire all three of these gifts for today, but the greatest is *charity*.

QUESTION: Which is the greatest gift that remains for Christ's church for today? \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT IS THE GREATEST GIFT ACCORDING TO THIS VERSE?**

**Romans 5:5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. YOUR ANSWER: It's the love of \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT IS THE GREATEST GIFT ACCORDING TO THIS VERSE?**

**Titus 3:4** But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. YOUR ANSWER: It's the \_\_\_\_\_

**FAITH**

**Romans 4:13** For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through *the righteousness of faith*. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: (Read Romans 3:22; Galatians 3:16,20.)

QUESTION: What is the gift for Christ's church according to these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

**HOPE**

**Titus 1:2** *In hope of eternal life*, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; **Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; [Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this **present EVIL WORLD**, according to the will of God and our Father.]

**Titus 2:13** Looking for *that blessed hope*, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

**Colossians 1:27** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

QUESTION: What is the gift for Christ's church according to these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION: What kind of a world do we live in today? \_\_\_\_\_

LOVE

**Romans 5:8** *But God commendeth\* his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (\*proves or hands over)*

**Titus 2:14** *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

**Titus 3:7** *That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

QUESTION: What gift of Christ remains for his church today according to these verses?

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WHAT ABOUNDS MORE?

**Romans 5:20** Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: YOUR ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

ACCORDING TO THESE VERSES, WHY IS CHARITY THE GREATEST GIFT THAT ABOUNDS TODAY?

YOUR ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_ (It has to be "the love of God toward man.")

CHARITY IS THE GREATEST GIFT BECAUSE IT IS **THE "LOVE OF GOD."**

NOW WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THAT GIFT OF LOVE, ACCORDING TO ROMANS 5:5? *"And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."*

YOUR ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

We are to let the light of Christ's love shine abroad in our hearts by the power of the Holy Ghost. We are to manifest **the love of God** to a world that does not know him. If we are rejected, the word of God declares that we are the savour of death unto death to that person; but if they will hear and believe the gospel of Christ, then we are the savour of life unto life to that person (II Corinthians 2:16-17). They are delivered from death unto life.

QUESTION: What helps us as believers of Christ to be able to share the gospel with others, and also to live for Christ? It's the H \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_. Remember that Christ lives within us and we are sealed with his Holy Spirit.

**Romans 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

QUESTION: What is the power of God unto salvation? It is the G \_\_\_\_\_

*Truly our hearts can indeed be thankful for HIS unspeakable gift (II Corinthians 9:15). FOR GIFT: Read I Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 2:8-9.*