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Message Info

Title:

Delighted to Give

Speaker:

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Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 9:1–15

Theme: Delight in the inexpressible gift and you will be delighted to give.

Introduction: Giving gifts is a delight that every Christian should have. It is part of becoming mature in Christ. We delight in giving gifts because we know that we have received the most valuable gift, a gift that Paul calls “inexpressible.” As we delight in the inexpressible gift from God, it fills us with a delight that permeates every aspect of our lives and causes us to live in the good of the gospel.

Second Corinthians 9 highlights three ways we can delight in the inexpressible gift:

1. Be Ready (1–5)

- Chapters 8–9 have been about the financial gift for the church in Jerusalem, but it is also about much more.
- Paul exhorts the Corinthians five times to be ready, which is characterized by preparedness and willingness.
- The readiness expected from the Corinthians is financial (the Jerusalem offering) and spiritual (ready for the day of Christ).
- Being ready for the return of the Lord keeps us ready to give.

2. Abound (6–10)

- Once again, Paul is talking about the offering, but he is using broader language that applies to more than just money (grace, good work, etc).
- God loves a cheerful giver because God knows what is in the heart.
- Using the imagery of agriculture, Paul teaches that the one who sows bountifully will reap an abounding harvest.
- God gives us his grace, and it overwhelms and abounds.

3. Overflow with Thanksgiving (11–15)

- Paul’s logic is as follows: You are enriched, so that you can be generous, and this produces thanksgiving to God.
- Paul gives thanks for God’s inexpressible gift of Jesus Christ.
- The inexpressible gift is partly expressible through gospel presentation and proclamation, but we will spend the rest of our lives and eternity marveling at the inexpressible gift.

Questions:

1. What does it look like for you to be ready (financially and spiritually)?
2. Read verses 6–10. In what ways are you sowing bountifully? Where are you sowing sparingly and need God’s grace to abound?
3. How can you grow in thanking God for his inexpressible gift?