

Ephesians Chapter 6 commands us to daily put on the armor of God. Part of this armor, the Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:15 is to "Shod your feet with the *preparation* of the Gospel of peace." When you submit yourself to the Gift of Evangelism and go through an Evangelism Training Program, like ours on our website, you are shodding your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, preparing yourself to share and give the gift of Jesus Christ, eternal life, to others.

On December 25 we celebrate the Birth and Birthday of Jesus! The greatest gift you can give Jesus is allowing Him to use you to bring men and women to saving faith in Him. Pray this prayer with me right now and commit Your life and free time to share Jesus' free gift of salvation with others:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that Heaven is more real and permanent than this earth. For this reason I commit my life to invest in Your Kingdom by using my free time to share the love of Jesus Christ with men and for study and training to that end. I do this by faith and trust You to lead me into what I need to know and do in Your Name Jesus, amen.

Now go to our website at **www.layevangelism.com** and receive the Gift of Evangelism by going through the free Evangelism Training Program so Jesus can use you to bring His free gift of Salvation to others.

Merry Christmas! Brothers & Sisters in Christ

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THE GREATEST GIFT

Merry Christmas Brothers and Sisters

As Christians what is the greatest gift we can give anyone? The greatest gift You and I can give to anyone is Jesus Christ Himself. Material gifts come and go but the gift of Jesus Christ is an eternal gift. Jesus said in Hebrews 13:5 that once a person receives Him into their heart as Savior and Lord that He will never ever desert them nor ever, ever, ever forsake them. Having Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord means a person is saved and will go to Heaven. Paul wrote in Colossians 1:27 "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Giving Jesus to others is the greatest gift you can give to yourself for Christmas! Why? Because every time a person comes to Jesus, you give yourself one more person in heaven to have fellowship with forever. Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-21,

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The greatest treasure is not a material object, the greatest treasures we can store in heaven are people. We cannot take any material object with us to heaven. However, we can take with us to Heaven men and women we allow Jesus to draw to Himself through us. God gives to each of us gifts, abilities and talents for all our blessing. The more people that are with us in heaven, the greater our blessing forever in Heaven. Therefore investing in the Kingdom of God is bringing men and women to saving faith in Jesus Christ and is the most loving thing you can do for another person and the most loving thing you can do for yourself.

Who can bring men and women to saving faith in Jesus Christ? Is Evangelism a gift we must have to do this? Jesus said in the Gospel of Mark 10:29-30.

"Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life."

Therefore any believer and follower of Jesus Christ is qualified to share the Gospel with others. It is a decision of love, a decision of the will to allow Jesus to use you to bring others to Himself.

When are we to give this gift to others?

Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. GO THEREFORE and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." John 4:35 "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to You, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest."

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 "And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain—for He says, 'At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you'; behold, NOW is 'the acceptable time,' behold, NOW is 'The day of salvation."

In these passages Jesus tells us that all authority is given to Him in Heaven and on earth. Because this is true, Jesus tells us that we do not need to wait but to **GO THEREFORE!** and make disciples of all the nations for Jesus. We are to go **NOW!!**

If any believer in Jesus Christ can share the Gospel with others, what then is the Gift of Evangelism? Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:11-12 "And He gave some as... evangelists... for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ". The purpose of the Gift of Evangelism is to motivate, train and equip Christian Laymen so that they can go out and do Evangelism. Our website at:

www.layevangelism.com

has a complete Basic and Advanced Evangelism Training Program anyone can do for free. This training program teaches you clearly

- 1. What the Gospel is and how to share it in love
- 2. How to lead a person into saving faith in Jesus Christ through prayer
- How to disciple a new Christian so that they will succeed in their walk with Jesus
- How to give honest answers to honest questions about the validity of our Christian faith
- 5. And how to have success in spiritual warfare.