

# The Gift of Gladness

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I. Introduction. Text: Isaiah 9.

II. The gift of life.

- A. Christ is the true genuine light of variety.
- B. People reject the light of Christ or they accept it.
- C. Light helps people to see.

III. The gift of liberty.

- A. Christ can bring about spiritual deliverance in the human heart because of his strength.
- B. One day Christ will rule all the nations so that He can bring political liberty also.
- D. Liberty helps people to stand.

IV. The gift of leadership.

- A. God took on the form of a servant who came in sinful flesh to die for sinners.
- B. Christ's leadership is powerful, and He is able to bear the governments of the world.
- C. Since He is able to bear governments, He is able to bear our weight too.

V. Sin always brings gloom.

- A. Addiction is the result of the compromise of sins.
- B. Sin brings pain. (Isaiah 51)

VI. Christ's righteousness brings joy. (Hebrews 1:9)

- A. Joy is something one always comes across when one is looking for something else—namely God.
- B. This means that joy can be found in all circumstances.

## Application questions:

1. Which gift stands out to you the most? What strikes you about it?

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2. How would you respond to someone who argues that joy is a product of a person's circumstances?

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3. How does understanding the strength of Christ help one to find freedom from his own burdens? Explain.

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