

A GIFT FROM YOUR FATHER

Intro. My father never lied to me. When he made a promise I could count on it. There is something about a personal gift from your father. He chose it. He thought enough of me to take the time to obtain it.

I. God our Father has made us a **promise**.

A. Jesus is the first to receive the promise
Acts 2³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

B. The disciples are told to wait for the promise.

Acts 1⁴ And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

II. God our Father has promised us a **gift**.

Acts 2³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

A. We don't have to wait for the gift.
Acts 10⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

B. All the Father wants is for us to ask for it, or to want it!
Luke 11¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

III. God our Father has promised us a gift that is a **comforter**.

John 15 ²⁶ But **when the Comforter is come**, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Comforter is PARAKLETOS meaning “intercessor or advocate”

A. Our promised gift is a comforter that is an intercessor. He will intercede with prayer in the spirit (tongues) and with groans which cannot be uttered.

B. Our promised gift is a comforter that is with me forever.
John 14 ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Do you want your Father’s gift?

Will you continue to avoid and ignore his gift?

He desires for you to receive with anticipation and excitement his gift!