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**December 25th, 2022**

**Source text: Rom 6:23, 2 Cor. 9:15**

**Some of God’s most wonderful gifts are those of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**However, one could argue that God’s GREATEST gift is: (Ref Rom.6:23)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !**

**In order for one to embrace the personal need for salvation, you must first recognize the devastating nature of sin…**

**-We must not harden our hearts to our sin**

**-We must be willing to be “pricked in the heart”**

**-We MUST be willing to recognize our sin and repent of it**

**2 Thessalonians talks about God taking vengeance on unbelievers in flaming fire. That sounds pretty terrible! But far worse is the “punishment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ destruction \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_”!**

Luke 19:20 provides us some much needed encouragement and hope:

“For the Son of Man came to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

No matter how sad, dark, or lonely we may feel, if we are willing to surrender to God and His plan for our lives we can be made like the freshly fallen snow. (Ref. Isa. 1:18)

As we count our blessings this holiday season let us all make sure God’s love, the sacrifice of His Son, and the hope of salvation are all at the TOP of our lists!

***Closing Thought:***

***Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! -2 Cor. 9:15***