



The Pillars of our Foundation

About God's gifts (1-24-10)

(Matt.21:42 & Ps.118:22

- ❖ *Everyone has gifts*
- ❖ *All gifts have a Giver*
- ❖ *We don't all get the same gifts*
- ❖ *Gifts come with responsibilities*
- ❖ *The gifted can have problems*
- ❖ *God's gifts have a purpose*

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Since **HE IS** the Greatest Gift –

- ❖ *His presence should be*
- ❖ *The most desired evidence of His gifts*

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3 pillars/gifts of His presence:

- ❖ **Love** – I John 4:16, “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”
- ❖ **John 15:4-5**, “**Abide in Me, and I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine,

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God's gift of Himself...

- ❖ *Is the foundation for all His other gifts.*
- ❖ *3 of the 4 pillars we build on are –*
- ❖ *Love, Grace and Faith...*
- ❖ *Jesus being the Chief Cornerstone*

you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

❖ ***I Corinthians 12:31-13:13***

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❖ **Grace** – ***Ephesians 2:8***,
“For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift of God**”

❖ ***I Peter 5:12***, “I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true **grace of God in which you stand.**”

❖ ***Hebrews 12:28***, “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have **grace**, by which we may serve **God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.**”

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❖ **Faith** – ***Romans 12:3***, “For I say, through the grace given to me, **to everyone who is among you**, not to think of himself more highly

*than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as **God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.**”*

❖ ***Hebrews 11:1***, “Now **faith is the substance** of things hoped for, **the evidence** of things not seen.”

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For all three –

❖ ***I Timothy 1:14***, “And the **grace** of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with **faith** and **love** which **are in Christ Jesus.**”

❖ ***The ultimate use of God’s gifts***

❖ ***When we use them, are we:***

1. ***Loving, like Him?***

2. ***Gracious, like Him?***

3. ***Faithful, like Him?***

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❖ ***Jesus prayed for us, “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.” – John 17:18***

❖ *He said to us, “Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”*

❖ *And John wrote to us, “Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.”*

The ultimate use of God’s gifts?

❖ *Be like Jesus...*

❖ *By using His Gifts*