

## The Gratuitous Gift, Continued

This brief study and teaching of God's word is a continuation of the eBook: "Let My People Go" that's posted below this short study, and yet it "stands alone" too.

Please watch this video as [linked here](#): "**The Siversmith, Refining Silver**". The full message for the video is from [Malachi 3:1-5](#) but this "**face**-thing" is **a key**!

Please watch the very short video, so-that-then, the following words will "mean heaven" to you.

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give **the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**", ~2 Corinthians 4:6.

It's been captivating my heart lately, that the Father sent Jesus to "...be wounded, crushed and bruised, to be chastised and punished, so that we can be healed" ~cf. [Isaiah 53:5-6](#), and especially that this "criteria of His cross" was "the LORD's will to crush Him", His only Son.

For it is our Father who sent Him.

It's a set-up! Because these "gifts" of wounded-ness, bruising, chastisement and strips-for-our-healing: we share with Him because He took these causes and effects for us.

We get wounded. We wound ourselves when we transgress God's ways. We get bruised. Living in this world by it's very nature: bruises us. We get chastised. We punish ourselves sometimes when we do wrong. But our Father's will is that we are always watched-over for the healing of each and every one of such things.

For, "**it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief**; when his soul makes **an offering for guilt**, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand" ~Isaiah 53:10.

So, **all of this** is Christ's gift to us, along with our Father in heaven giving it, in-conjunction-with His Son. That is: it's the gift of the LORD, YHWH's gift, the gift of our self-existent and eternal One's grace.

For the phrase in Ephesians 4:7 "grace was given to each one of us **according to the measure** of Christ's gift", the word: "gift" is "gratuity".

Essentially, the measurement of the Father's gift of Christ to us, starts in Hebrews 10:5-7 when, in heaven before Christ's coming into our earth, this conversation is recorded between the Father and His Son:

“Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body, you (Father) have prepared for me;  
in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you (Father) have taken no pleasure.

Then I (Christ) said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book’”, ~Hebrews 10:5-7

Jesus knew that His life, death, resurrection, exaltation and glorification were prophesied before He came into our world, and that His body was prepared by His Father to “do a job” and fulfill an agreement with His Father, for our sakes.

Therefore, the core part and most essential truth of what “measure” our Father put to Christ’s work that His body would do for us, is found in [Isaiah 53:4-6 with v10](#).

The Body of Christ, despised and rejected of men!

“Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted ~53:4.

Christ’s Body, as intended to be “used” for us, by God:

But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed ~53:5.

Our response at this horrific sight!

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all”, ~v6: ~Isaiah 53:4-6.

And, the desire of God for us!

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief/made Him sick ~English Standard Version (ESV)  
Even though it pleased Yahweh  
to crush him with disease ~The Passion Translation (TPT).

So, both at the beginning and ending of Jesus’ life on earth, His Father both set-in-motion this “gratuitous contract” by saying at Jesus’s baptism; “this is My Son in whom I-Am well pleased” ~cf. Luke 3:22; and the “contracted Gift”: Jesus! replied to His Father’s “employment contract” of Isaiah 53:5, by saying ““Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done”, ~cf. Luke 22:42.

The “measure” of Christ’s gratuitous gift to us and for us, is stupendous and isn’t limited to this core character of Him giving His life for us, but this is our core-Life’s-source: that

“he was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; the chastisement that has brought us peace was upon Him, and with his wounds we are healed”.

Therefore, our Father in heaven “measuring out” the gift of His Son’s life and it’s effects for us, is something to behold! simply because His whole life and it’s past, present and future investment in us, is a gratuity, a gift freely given by agreement; not our agreement with Him, but by His Father’s agreement with Him, for us!

Therefore, it cannot change.

Gratuity, **or** a gratuitous gift, **is** the tip you would give a waiter or a taxi driver, or **the special employment contract’s wage** you would give an employee for performing a contractual task.

So **Jesus gave** his piercing, His wounding, His bruising, His chastisement and His stripes FOR US together with our Father, for our healing, for our Father’s “special employment contract” that we’d sinned, for our tip because He’d given us the grace to be waiting on Him, and for the great and gracious gift of His Life, freely given with no requirements except to believe.

“For the Lord said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior” ~Isaiah 63:8.

The greatest and most profound mystery of all, is that YHWH, the self-existent and eternal One, our Creator, has become our indwelling God, and it's all because of Jesus.

So, when we face the furnace of trials and afflictions, of wounds, of bruising, of torments and of punishing ourselves for doing wrong: it's all now found-to-be in our Father’s hands, as He’s holding us in the fire until **He sees His Son's ‘face’ in our character and conduct.**

That’s all! That’s what He’s about! He will make us holy by the truth of His word just as He also agreed with His Son: “(Father! Jesus prayed) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth”, ~John 17:16-17.

It’s a great mystery and the glorious honour of our faith to know that our great, eternal God takes so much care as to patiently and exactly make us like Jesus in His risen, exalted and glorified state. It’s the divine destiny for which we came!

"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we shall be has not yet been revealed; but **we know that when he (Christ) appears we shall (already) be like him**, because **we shall see him as he is.**" ~1 John 3:2.

"..as He is" ...divine, eternal God! ...we shall see Him just as He is.

He's the first man to enter heaven. Our "Blood Cleanser". This crown of His righteousness that He's given each one of us who's truly trusting in Christ, is destined for His feet. In awe of Him, we cast the crown He's given us at His feet.

May it ever be kept there. And **may we see our Father's "face making" of our faces** all-the-while as we face **each and every difficulty**, knowing that **they're made for our make**, in Jesus.

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give **the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**", ~2 Corinthians 4:6.

"For those whom He foreknew He also predestined **to be conformed** to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

"And those whom He predestined he also called, and those whom He called he also justified, and those whom He justified he also glorified", ~Romans 8:29-30.

If the reader wants to look further into what it means for us to mature "into the fulness of Christ" ~cf. Ephesians 4:13, please listen to this very easy-listening podcast (linked there) which is a teaching on what it means to mature in Christ by growing up into Him; not into a church, not into a teaching but into Jesus.