

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 3, 2011

“The Church-Wide Benefits of Grace Giving”
2 Corinthians 9:11-12

What are the church-wide benefits of grace giving based on 2 Corinthians 9:11-15?

The first church-wide benefit of grace giving that Paul identified was thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:11-12).

When Paul, in 2 Corinthians 9:11, told the grace givers in Corinth that they would be “enriched in everything,” he was talking about enrichments of grace and not about material enrichments per se (2 Corinthians 6:10).

When Paul told the Corinthians in 2 Corinthians 9:11 that the purpose for them being “enriched in everything” was “for their liberality,” he was speaking of their ongoing ability to be generous in whatever circumstances that they might find themselves.

In verse 12, Paul described the Corinthians’ ministry of giving with the word “service” (LEITOURGIA) which refers to priestly service.

May we, by the grace of God, as grace givers, be blessed with the opportunity to see the harvest of our righteousness manifest itself in overflowing thanksgiving to God.