

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 10, 2011

“The Church-Wide Benefits of Grace Giving”
2 Corinthians 9:13-15

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).

The second church-wide benefit of grace giving that Paul identified was God being glorified (2 Corinthians 9:13)

The reason why grace giving on the part of the Corinthians would lead Jewish believers in Jerusalem to glorify God was because the Corinthians’ giving served as a “proof” of the genuineness of their faith.

Paul believed that the giving ministry of the Corinthians would serve as an effective proof of the genuineness of their confession because giving is the expected natural outworking of a genuine confession and so much so that Paul viewed it as “obedience” to that confession.

The third church-wide benefit of grace giving that Paul identified was intercessory prayer (2 Corinthians 9:14).

Paul also made it clear to the Corinthians that the intercessory prayer that would be offered up by the Jewish believers on their behalf would also be accompanied by a deep yearning for them.

The deep yearning of the Jewish believers for the Corinthians can be explained by the bond of unity that they would have felt once the surpassing grace of God in the Corinthians became evident to them through the Corinthians’ giving.

The indescribable gift that Paul referred to in 2 Corinthians 9:15 is the Lord Jesus Christ, the most glorious and wonderful gift ever given, the gift that inspires all other gifts (Isaiah 9:6; John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:9-10).

May God’s indescribable gift to us be the explanation of our lives and the manner of our giving.