

It is no surprise to announce to this good audience today that God has done much For You. And, the reason that is no surprise, is that mankind, in all kinds of ways, celebrates and remembers that fact.

Christmas – (man-made holiday) – Jesus came to earth to bring salvation... For You.

Easter – (man-made holiday) – Jesus was raised from the grave to overcome death... For You.

Lord's Supper – (Christ-instituted) – Jesus gave his body and blood to obtain redemption... For You.

It is encouraging, heartening, and uplifting to think about all the wonderful things He has done For You.

If I were making an argument to you that you are Valuable to God and He Loves you Very Much, I think I would share 4 Incredible Things God Has Done For You:

1) God Made You

- a. I don't mean He created a template machine and started cranking out cookie cutter people and you are number 32 billion, 432 million, 8 thousand and 2.
 - i. I mean... He personally designed you – **Psalm 139:13-16**
 - ii. And more than that, He made you ... LIKE HIM – **Genesis 1:26-27**
 - iii. God is eternal spirit and God made you to have an eternal spirit as well.
 - iv. From day 1, He built in the opportunity to know you forever!
 - v. SLIDE – “I know I'm somebody cuz God don't make no junk!”
- b. And if you are that important, He was not going to leave you to go through this alone...

2) God Gave You Relationships

- a. *Genesis 2:18,22* – marriage – *1:27-28* – family. God gave you PARENTS who love you.
- b. Then a MATE to love you; then CHILDREN, then GRANDCHILDREN... to love you!
 - 1. Some of you are early on in this, but relationships all come from GOD!
- c. **Mark 10:28-30** – And if somehow those do not come through for you...
 - i. God gave you a Christian Family,... Are you important to God? Look Around!
- d. But He made you, not just to be supported, but to FIND HIM...

3) God Offered His Son For You

- a. How much do you mean to the God of heaven? That question is not answered in some words He has shared with you, but the SON HE GAVE FOR YOU -- **John 3:16** “so loved you.”
- b. I know there are people here who care about you. But nobody cares like God cares!
- c. People believe in you. But nobody believes in you like God believes in you.
- d. **Ephesians 2:4-7** – Even when we were in sin, He invested in your future with all He had to give.
- e. The only thing left to prove His love for you is the REASON WHY He sent His son...

4) God has Prepared a Place For You

- a. I feel valuable when people want me to be with them. God wants you to be with Him forever. He wants to spend an eternity in your company; and you in His.
- b. **John 14:1-3** – Jesus has prepared an eternal dwelling place for His disciples.
- c. **I Thessalonians 4:16-18** – A place where you will Always and Forever be with Jesus.
- d. He wants you with Him, now and forever. You are extremely valuable to God!

Well, if we ended our study right now, I trust everyone here would leave this room with a sense of appreciation for and thankful to God for all the great ways He has loved us.

But something is missing. Some Truth is missing. Because, as it stands right now, it really looks like everything is all about... ME. I am the center of God's universe and everything revolves around ME.

Sadly, this is exactly the way many people interpret this information and that is reflected in the way they live and whom they live for and how God is relegated to simply a source we tap for blessings.

“For You” is not the end of this study, it is only the beginning. It merely sets things up for the true substance of WHY God has done all of these great things in your life!

Let's see if we can figure out the TRUE purpose of these things:

Volunteer: God has done all four of these things for Him.

Does this mean that he should be on the throne and God should be serving Him grapes?

NO. Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14 – *Why has God done so much for this young man?*

TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY! *That's the real purpose. That's what life and all its blessings are truly about!*

1) God Made You... TO SERVE HIM

- a. **Genesis 1:26-28** – Go out and be responsible, work hard, oversee things.
- b. **Genesis 2:16-17** – And honor me by doing my will, obeying my laws.
- c. **Genesis 3:19** – “brought you in, take you out” -- Brought you in to Obey Me!
- d. So let’s not be the person who thanks God for life every day and then doesn’t use that life to properly live for God, being responsible to Him, and obeying His will.
- e. **Ecclesiastes 12:13** – What is the whole duty of man? *“Fear God and Keep His Commandments.”*
- f. Why are you here? What is life on earth, SCHOOL, WORK, and PLAY ultimately all about?
 - i. Example: My brother Josh putting “get married and have kids” on job resume.
- g. **You have been put here... to obey God!**

2) God Gave You Relationships... to HONOR HIM

- a. God tests our understanding of point 1 by blessing us with people in our lives, who are to be the PROOF of that service ... Honoring God by how we treat others!
- b. *Each relationship I sustain REFLECTS Christ’s goodness and my appreciation of it.*
- c. **Colossians 3:18-24** – Did you notice? *“fitting to the Lord” “well-pleasing to the Lord” “fearing the Lord”* God gave me loved ones as objects to whom I can show my commitment to God.
- d. **Col. 3:23-24** – Do we understand this? Marriage, Neighbor, Co-worker – Jesus is whom we serve!
- e. **You have been surrounded by people... to Honor God.**

3) God Offered His Son For You... to BE HOLY IN HIS SIGHT.

- a. God didn’t invest all of that so we could be free to do whatever we want and be saved by the grace of God through the death of Christ!
 - i. Sin was causing us to do what? *“Fall Short of His Glory!”* **Romans 3:23.**
- b. **I Peter 1:3** – New Hope, New Peace, New Purpose... NEW LIFE! **I Peter 2:9-10** – FOR HIM!
- c. **I Peter 1:13-16** – Let’s live like it. All of those issues we talk to young people about:
 - i. Being morally pure
 - ii. Picking the right friends
 - iii. Taking time to pray and read and worship
 - iv. Self-control of attitude and speech
- d. WHY? Because God gave up His Son to PRESERVE A PURE AND HOLY PEOPLE
 - i. This is the purpose of Life in Christ, this is the outcome of all blessings in the Son!

4) God has Prepared a Place For You... TO GLORIFY HIM

- a. Little secret... ready... Heaven is about... GOD! Magnifying and worshipping and serving GOD!
- b. The whole idea that God has done so much so I can live for ME and then get to heaven and receive crowns and robes and wings for ME... is missing the mark.
- c. Yes, God will give you a NEW BODY, WONDERFUL HOME, CROWN OF APPROVAL... but heaven, like earth, is not a place of ME-BLISS... BETTER --- It’s about being with GOD!
- d. When the veil of heaven was pulled back for John, not what some expect!
 - i. **Revelation 4:8-11** -- All is about honoring, worshipping, loving HIM!
 - ii. If life is not about HIM, and if you can’t turn His love for you into sincere devotion to Him and honor for Him now... heaven may not be the place for you!
- e. 4 Mentalities, only 1 Right Path
 - i. Here ME, there ME --- will never see heaven
 - ii. Here ME, there HIM --- will never get that far
 - iii. HERE HIM, there ME --- miss the point and won’t enjoy it anyway
 - iv. HERE HIM, THERE HIM --- He has done so much to deserve this, and people who get it and live it and expect it will be with Him in Heaven Forever!

Conclusion: God has done a lot of wonderful things FOR YOU. And we would do well to remember them and be thankful to Him for all of that. But two words will change your life if they dominate your thoughts: **FOR HIM!** I exist: FOR HIM. I have relationships: FOR HIM. Jesus died to save me: FOR HIM. I will be allowed to live forever in heaven: FOR HIM. From this moment forward, no matter how your life has been lived up to this point: “To Him Be The Glory Forever.” Are you with me on that? What can you do today, purely and wholly ... FOR HIM?