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Intro: Paul used a word, *indescribable*, anekdiēgētos Gk. that is used no where else in scripture. It means, "Too *extraordinary* for description.

When reading the context of the verse we find it is not so much the *work* of Christ, as it is *Christ* Himself which Paul is *referring* to.

As one ponders this *indescribable* gift which we have from God, it should compel us to *freely* and Liberally give to others the good and *temporal* things to those in need.

God's Indescribable Gift

2 Corinthians 9:15

Intro: There are two things which make this *gift*, dō-re-ä' (Gk.) indescribable:

1. The *conception*. He was born of a young, *virgin* girl through the *intervention* of the Holy Spirt, not a man. Lk 1:35, Matt. 1:20

All other *miraculous* births recorded in scripture resulted in the birth of a *sinner* as they were the result of the union between a *man* and a woman.

2. His *nature*. He will be born both *God*, Lk. 1:35b, Matt. 1:21, and *man*, Jn. 1:14, Phil. 2:5-8.

Deny either one and you *negate* His atoning work on the *cross*.

Three Ways in Which This Gift is Wrapped

I. He is Wrapped in Prophecy

God prepared *humanity* for His arrival *centuries* earlier via the prophets. Isaiah 7, 9, 11, 53.

Micah 5:2,

Isaiah 53 describes Jesus as *ordinary*, like any other Jew. It wasn't His *appearance* that made Him an *indescribable* gift. It was *God* who came in the form of *typical* man, not man in the *form* of God.

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II. He is Wrapped in History

For *prophecy* to be true it must be linked to *history*.

Jesus came when the *time* was right to reveal God's *redemptive* plan for mankind. Gal. 4:4.

God orchestrates *history* in order to fulfill His *sovereign* plans for man.

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III. He is Wrapped in Mystery

It's the *mystery* of His nature that makes the gift indescribable.

Deity came to earth in the *form* of man, yet was without sin. Heb. 2:17-18, 4:15.

It was societies *outcasts* that were the first to view this *indescribable* gift from God.