

## Gifts from the Savior

1. Healing
  - a. Isa. 53:5d “And by His stripes (blows that cut), we are healed.”
  - b. When the whole verse is read, we see that it is not physical healing but redemption for our transgressions. The Great Physician was, at times, a physical healer, yet His healing is foremost and ultimately spiritual (Lu. 4:18 cf. Isa. 61:1-2; also see Lu. 5:31-32).
2. New Life: Jn. 10:10; 3:3-7 cf. cleansing in Ezek. 36:25-27. Jn. 5:24-25.
3. Light: Jn. 8:12. Isa. 9:1-2 spoke of a light in the darkness and *Matthew* records its fulfillment in Jesus (4:13-17).
4. Peace
  - a. Also in Isa. 9:6, we see the prophesied Prince of Peace. However, it is not a ‘peace, love, & hair grease’ kind of peace. In fact, with His peace comes a sword which exposes the superficial peace (Mat. 10:34ff.).
  - b. He came to bring us peace with God. I just love the Christmas songs when I hear them sung of these realities.
5. Liberty
  - a. He came to set the captives free (Lu. 4:18). Eph. 4:8 is not unrelated → Ps. 68:18 from receiving to giving gifts.
  - b. Jn. 8:31-36!
6. Righteousness: 2 Cor. 5:21; Ro. 1:16-17; Ro. 8:29
7. Reign
  - a. We currently preliminarily reign via our commission to spread the Gospel (Mat. 28:19; Acts 1:8). He came as the last Adam and new Gardener who commissions us to take up what the first Adam failed to do, but Jesus faithfully restored; i.e. to expand the Kingdom as priests (see Exod. 19:5-6 & 1 Pet. 2:4-5).
  - b. We positionally reign with Christ (Eph. 1:20-23; 2:5-6).
  - c. We practically/spiritually reign when:
    - i. We refuse to capitulate to the spirit of the age.
    - ii. We refuse to watch an inappropriate show/movie/image etc.
    - iii. We honor our vows (wedding or other).
    - iv. We mortify our sins and lovingly approach others about theirs.
    - v. We refuse to listen to gossip.
    - vi. We put others’ needs above our own.
    - vii. We give to the needy rather than buy a nicer car you conquer.
    - viii. You repay evil w/ good you conquer.
    - ix. You have cancer, pain, trouble, and turmoil and still praise God you conquer!
  - d. We will enjoy an unchallenged reign of the earth (Mat. 5:5; Ro. 4:13; Rev. 22:5).
8. Unity / Communion
  - a. Jn. 17:20-21.
  - b. Rev. 21:3 – the consummation of the wedding.
  - c. Jesus came to purchase (redeem) His discarded, dirty, worn, torn, persecuted betrothed – to cleanse her, heal her, resurrect her, illuminate her, free her, and make her perfectly righteous to live in communion, literally in peace forever after. And it’s no fairy tale but a reality of which the fairy tale attempts to portray. His greatest gift to us is Himself (2 Cor. 9:15).