



“IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.”

Words above are recorded in Acts 20:35, a quotation by the apostle Paul from Jesus.

God, by his nature, is one who gives. He gave life to our first parents; he gave an environment to them, a perfect one, in which to live. And when they sinned and were ashamed of breaking his law, he provided animal skin coverings for them, an important picture to indicate how he would in future make atonement—covering—for the wrongdoing of them and their descendants.

God gave his Word, the Bible, that we may learn to understand and think aright about him and our world; he gave a system of worship to picture how sacrifice and a Mediator were needed to restore sinners to him in an act of reconciliation.

Ultimately, he gave his Son, Jesus, in a once-for-all act of living on behalf of people, keeping his law perfectly, and dying a death not for his sins—he was sinless—but for the sins of others. The wonderful words of 2 Corinthians 8:9 sum it up: “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” In being born as a baby boy, God’s purpose was to redeem and reconcile a people to himself who would no longer live for themselves but for him who loved them.

Do you love him and are you living for him who gave himself for people such as we are?

GENERAL REFLECTIONS FROM 2020

Pictures say it quite well. So, here we go. Covid needs no introduction, so we navigated it (first Jim got it, then Sue and Matthew—thankfully with manageable symptoms).

Jim spent a few days in California for the Shepherds’ Conference in March (representing Shepherd Press) and continues to serve authors and publishers in getting good books into print.

Matthew is now in his final year at Bob Jones Academy and is preparing for BJU next year.

Sue has continued to work at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary as administrative assistant to Dr. Joseph Pipa as well as making progress on completing her MA.

We enjoyed a few days in Myrtle Beach in August—look at the picture just below!

We send you our love and best wishes for 2021.



About Some of the Pictures:

Main and top right: In the den in our home; Matthew’s school picture.

Right middle: In and around our home in Taylors, SC.

Lower images: Myrtle Beach, SC, and Jim catching up some computer work.

