

THREE “UNSPEAKABLE” THINGS

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Today, we examine the three "**unspeakable**" things mentioned in Scripture:

God's Unspeakable Gift. "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift!" {2 Corinthians 9:15} The NKJV uses the word "indecipherable." Man's salvation, the gift freely offered by His Creator, is difficult to describe with words. Our Father's willingness to forgive man's sins and receive him back into His favor is truly an undeserved, unmerited, indecipherable gift.

The Believer's Unspeakable Joy. "Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory." {1 Peter 1:8} The KJV uses the word "unspeakable" instead of "inexpressible." The thought is the same—such joy is beyond our ability to acknowledge or understand. What joy fills the believer's heart when he fully understands that God has accepted him into His family. He has been adopted into God's family, with all the blessings and privileges of a natural-born child. God's child who feels such joy has difficulty finding the words to express the wonderful feelings in his heart.

Heaven's Unspeakable Words. "How he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." {2 Corinthians 12:4} Paul spoke of a time when he was taken into a different realm where he heard words that were not lawful for man to utter. Could it be that what he heard was too difficult to describe or relate to mortal man? These were words God wanted to remain with Him and not share with man. God has the right to make that type of decision {Deuteronomy 29:29}.

One can experience the gift of salvation by rendering obedience on God's terms. Sadly, many will miss this gift seeking to get around God's requirements, substituting their own! God's way is the only way one can hope to experience unspeakable joy. By living faithfully all of our days here on earth, leaning on God's wonderful grace and mercy one can reach heaven where we will hear those unspeakable words. Dear reader, the first two must be done to experience the third! ***