

Adventure Island

The other day I had a picture form in my mind where the earth was depicted as a minute Island in the sea of the Universe.

It is an acknowledged fact that the earth is part of the Milky Way, a galaxy that we are not able to view from one end to the other. While initially I saw the earth created as the cream of the islands, it had become, over a period of time, very sour.

I also saw people who were complaining that there were no further fun activities available on the Island, while others were finding little hidden tracks, which were not only adventurous trips, but also left them with a great sense of achievement.

For many people on this island today there are but two days in the average year that can be called 'adventure days'. Christmas and Easter Sunday.

Christmas, the day people waste so much time of battling the crowds to buy gifts.

Christmas, the day people waste so much money on food and entertainment.

Christmas, the day children get greater pleasure from the container than the gift.

Christmas, the day people use our Lord's title Name in a non derogatory manner.

Easter Sunday, the day people dress up for parades.

Easter Sunday, the day children spend more time looking for chocolate eggs.

Neither can be termed 'Adventure Days'. Both are generally exhausting, and close with the thought, "That's over for another year!" Not so with the Gifts that are listed below.

For a precious few people, God has opened Adventure Island up three hundred and sixty-five days per year for us.

If we take the two days mentioned above, they both become GREAT ADVENTURE DAYS, AND THE GIFTS NEVER WEAR OUT!.

CHRISTMAS.

THE GIFT OF HIS SON. The angelic announcement, "Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour", Luke 2:11.

THE GIFT OF SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING. "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life", 1 John 5:20.

EASTER.

THE GIFT OF HIS SPIRIT. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me", John 15:26.

THE GIFT OF LIFE. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord", Romans 6:23.
Jesus a gave life back to Jairus' daughter with the words "Be not afraid, only believe". Mark 5:35-43.

From those two days above, we have follow-on gifts.

THE GIFT OF FAITH. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man should boast", Ephesians 2:8-9.

THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE. "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life", Acts 11:18.

THE GIFT OF GRACE. "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ", Ephesians 4:7.

OOPS, NEARLY FORGOT ONE. The gift of having a relationship with the Lord.