**THE FREE GIFT (Oak Ridge 12-25-22)**

**\*Xmas gifts**

* **Free gift –** if you sit through a 3-4 hour high pressure sales event - but you do get a gift
* **Free 3 month trial –** then you forget to cancel and all of the sudden free is very expensive
* **Free coupon –** then almost instantaneously you start receiving endless emails and phone calls

**I want us to study about the everlasting FREE GIFT of Romans chapter 5 (all open your Bibles) – Inspired by two dear brothers – one here, Mike O’Neal with a Lords Supper talk he gave fairly recently and something that Steven Tramell did.**

Why was the Free Gift needed?

* We all are ungodly and in sin (**Romans 5:6**)
* God is merciful and loves us (**Romans 5:5, 8**)
* By faith we can now be justified, saved, reconciled (**Romans 5:1, 9, 10-11, 18**)
* God is just – there must be atonement for sin (**Ephesians 5:2, Hebrews 9:27-28**)

*Steven’s Airstream Example – Kyle understands & appreciates Airstreams more than most of us!*

Even though the Gift is Free:

* We have to get it (**Romans 5:2**)
* We have to be thankful (**2 Cor. 2:14, 9:15**)
* We have to maintain it (**1 Tim. 1:19, Titus 3:8, 1 John 1:8-10**)
* We have to share it (**Acts 8:4**)

The Free Gift has conditions:

* Hear & Understand (**Acts 8:30-35**)
* Believe & Confess (**Acts 8:36-37**)
* Repent (**Acts 17:30**)
* Baptized (**Acts 8:38, 22:16**)
* Diligently serve and grow in the Lord (**1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Peter 3:17-18**)

**Romans chapter 6 verses 3-7**

* Have you obtained your Free Gift?

No better time to become a disciple of Jesus!

**Romans chapter 6 verses 11 and 13**

* Have you been thankful for your Free Gift?
* Have you maintained your Free Gift?
* Have you shared your Free Gift?

No better time to repent and be determined to do better!

If we can help you in anyway, please make your wishes known as we stand and sing.