

Is salvation Gods greatest gift?

A gift is a thing given without payment. There are many of these in the bible. Some are: life, freewill, salvation and love. Salvation is a gift from god where your sins are removed from you by God. The removal of sins means that you can enter heaven. There are 3 ways to earn it. 1. By believing in Jesus. 2. Working for your sins removal (said in 10 commandments how). 3. By receiving grace in which your sins are removed and you go to heaven due to god's love, you do not have to work for it.

It can be said that salvation is god's greatest gift because it shows Gods kindness, forgiveness and generosity to save us from hell and forgive us. As said in 1 John 19: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This line is talking about the idea that "if we confess our sins" we get forgiven for even the worst things we could have done. It also says that he will "cleanse us from all unrighteousness". This shows us that God is willing to save use and take us away from does who do not confess and they will be sent to hell. It shows us that he will provide salvation out of forgiveness and kindness if you confess. Another example of salvation being god's greatest gift is in john 15:10 "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." This is an example of having to work for salvation as it says you will have to "keep my fathers commandments". This is referencing the 10 commandments which are rules to live by. These are rules which you need to follow in order to get into heaven. It also says you will "abide in his love". This love is salvation and we will earn it if we follow the commandments and we will therefore get into heaven. However another viewpoint would say that you only have to believe to get into heaven as said in Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." In this one we see the idea that you do not have to work to get into heaven and that it is "the gift of god". All these show that salvation is the greatest gift because it is given out of god's kindness and if we do get it he will show us love.

On the other hand it could be said that Jesus is the greatest gift because it is said in most of the scripture that he is essential to getting salvation to get in to heaven. It is said in john 3:17 "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him". In this verse it says that Jesus is here to save the world. This is true as Jesus died for people's sins meaning that they would not die and instead could get salvation and get to heaven. Without Jesus heaven is not an option. Another verse supporting this is Philipians 3:20 "but our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ". This again shows us that to get salvation you need Jesus because he has died for our sins. Thus Jesus must be more important to get to heaven. Another verse that proves that Jesus is more important is acts 16:31 "And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."" This shows us that it is necessary to believe in Jesus in order to get into heaven. Without him you would have no chance of getting salvation and before you would not because Jesus is needed. These verses show us that Jesus is the greatest gift, not salvation because he is needed to get salvation in the first place and without him we would be in hell.

In conclusion if a Christian were to choose between the 2 they would say Jesus. Because without him salvation is not possible because you need to believe in Jesus in order to get salvation and with salvation you can get into heaven and it is much more common in the bible then verses on salvation which most include something on Jesus showing us that he is needed.