

## Precious Gifts - December 4, 2005

God gives us some things which are very precious. However, if we mistreat these things or allow them to become broken, then they are no longer precious to us. Recently I have found many four-leaf clovers. Often, the only thick book I have with me is my Bible. So I will place these clovers in my Bible in order to press them. Occasionally as I turn the pages a lot, the leaves will break off of the stems. They are no longer four-leaf clovers, are they? They are no longer precious. I can point to one and Say "This used to be a four-leaf clover." But now it's not so it doesn't mean anything to you now. It can be the same with precious gifts from God.

2 Peter 1 5-9

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Psalm 119:129

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

Let's think of Some things from God that we need to Cherish and regard as precious.

Here are some things that people mentioned during the lesson:

1. Friendships
2. Mercy
3. Love
4. Grace
5. Forgiveness
6. Kindness
7. Salvation
8. Strength
9. His Son
10. His Heart
11. Your family
12. Holy Spirit
13. Safety
14. Fruit of the Spirit
15. Pets
16. The Word
17. Wisdom