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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"What Does God Get?"

By Pastor Ronald T. Scheimo, CrossRoads Church

(James 4:2) and so we ask and ask and ask. We ask for all those things that will make life better for us and make us a happy, contented and prosperous people. I wonder if you have ever stopped, as I have, to ask yourself, "What does God get out of all of this?" We know what we want out of our relationship with Him; blessings now and heaven to come, but after all is said and done what does God get? In the thirtysecond chapter of Deuteronomy we see Moses addressing the people of Israel and in verse nine he makes a thought-provoking statement when he says, "For the Lord's portion is His people". That's challenging isn't it? Out of all that is happening, all God gets is His people.

When you stop to consider this thought,

We are so accustomed come to the realization that thing that God doesn't own we find a verse like John to coming to God with that is all that God could is people. He created them 3:16 - For God so loved our needs, wants and get. The Bible already tells and then He turned them the world that He gave desires because we be- us that God owns every- loose. He gave them free His only begotten Son, lieve that God answers thing else. He created it, will and the ability to pick that whosoever believeth prayer. We know that the He sustains it and He can and choose. Man chose sin in Him should not parish, Bible says, "Ye have not end it whenever He might and degradation and so God but have everlasting life.

because ye ask not"... choose to do so. The only again intervened and thus We have just passed Easter when we remember that God raised Christ from the grave and took Him into Heaven and He is at the right hand of God. Since man is still a free moral agent God, through Christ, invites him to come to make his own decision to enter into a personal relationship with God. That is possible because Christ died for our sins and God can forgive them on the basis that Christ's blood

> Since all of God's portion will be His people, God is busy day and night to draw you unto Himself. He cares not for your position, money, fame or stature. He cares for you! you are what God created this whole world for so that out of it you and I could choose to love Him. What does God get? Hopefully, He

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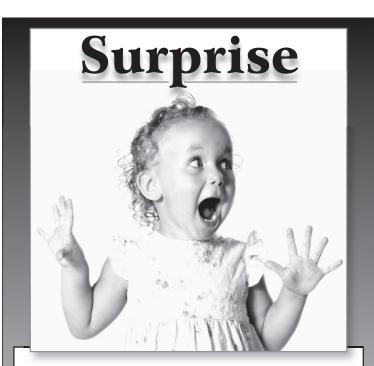
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We can take time from our busy schedules to spend time with God and to praise His faithfulness to us. Plan to worship Him this week!

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Wednesday 9.1-28

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