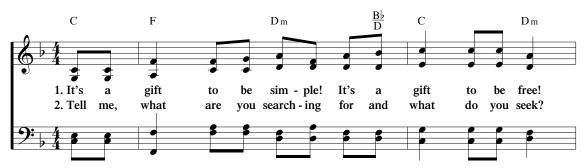
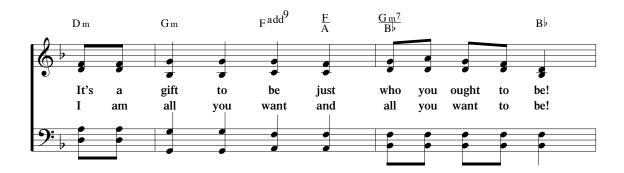
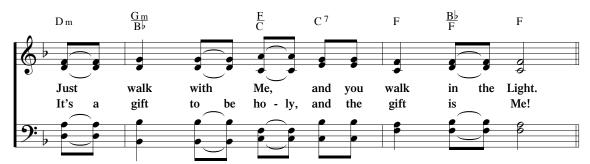
It's a Gift

TUNE: 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple, alt.









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TOPICS: Holiness; Seekers; Living in Christ; Invitation; Knowing Christ

LEAD-IN: It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Set Apart

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:17, NIV)

We are weak, imperfect people sent into an evil, hostile world to do the work of a holy God.

How can we be protected from the evil all around us? How can we effectively do God's work here?

What does God use to set us apart entirely as His own?
He sets us apart and keeps us
by the truth—
that is, by the *reality* and *reliability* of His mighty word.
We go into this evil world in complete safety and
do His work boldly and effectively
because we are shielded and empowered by
the *reality* and *reliability* of Who He is and all He says.

In all our weakness we can be holy and effective in this world because God is Who He is, and we are in Him.

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