

**“I AM THE
BREAD OF LIFE”**

John 6:35



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a red gift box. The person is wearing a blue suit jacket and a white shirt. The gift box is wrapped in red paper with a subtle diamond pattern and has a red ribbon tied around it. The background is blurred, showing more of the person's suit and a hint of a brown object on the left.

**BETWEEN GOD'S
GIFT & OUR
RESPONSE**



GOD'S GIFT ⁽¹⁾

1. *His actual Presence:*

- “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 20

- The disciples of Emmaus's request: “Abide with us” and its fulfillment
- “In remembrance of Me”



GOD'S GIFT (2)

2. *Abiding in us:*

- “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him” **John 6:56**
- Sharing Divine life with us.
- The way for our Resurrection and eternal bliss in His Kingdom.



GOD'S GIFT (3)

3. Unity with others:

- “... that we may become one body and one spirit”

--Divine Liturgy

4. Sanctification and Spiritual Revival:

- “... unto the purification of our souls, bodies, and spirits”

--Divine Liturgy



GOD'S GIFT (4)

5. *Aiding our struggle and healing the wounds of sins (ours and others')*
6. *The example of His love and humility*



OUR RESPONSE ⁽¹⁾

1. Thanksgiving
2. Understanding – respect – participation – partaking
(The Great Banquet)
3. Worshipping in Spirit and Truth



OUR RESPONSE (2)

4. Repentance
5. Forgiving one another
6. Offering in like manner:
“I beseech you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of
God, that you present your
bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable to
God, *which*
is your reasonable service”

Romans 12:1

