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Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but *the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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This gift must be passed on. You can not keep it for yourself because many can benefit from it.

There is a song that goes like this:

“The Father gave His Son
The Son gave the Spirit
The Spirit gives us Life
So we can give the Gift of Love

And the gift goes on”

When most of us think about passing on a gift, we think of the expense that goes with it.

❖ **Pass on The Gift of God**

❖ **Pass on The Gift of Love**

❖ **Pass on The Gift of Grace**

The Gift of God is:

Eternal life through Jesus Christ

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The payment for sin is death; "but the gift of GOD is eternal life through ('in') Jesus Christ our Lord." This concluding verse-as pointed as it is brief-contains the marrow, the most fine gold, of the Gospel.

As the labourer is worthy of his hire, and feels it to be his due-his own of right-so is death the due of sin, the wages the sinner has well worked for-his own. But "eternal life" is in no sense or degree the wages of our righteousness; we do nothing whatever to earn or become entitled to it, and never can: it is therefore, in the most absolute sense, "THE GIFT OF GOD." Grace reigns in the bestowal of it in every case, and that "in Jesus Christ our Lord," as the righteous Channel of it. In view of this, who that hath tasted that the Lord is gracious can refrain from saying, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever" (Rev 1:5-6)

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The Gift of Love

His Character

He Concern

His Condemnation

John 3:16-21

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

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The Gift of Grace

Luke 1:23-38

23 So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. 24 Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, 25 **"Thus the Lord has dealt with me**, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, **"Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"**

29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, **"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.** 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

38 Then Mary said, "**Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.**" And the angel departed from her.
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Eph. 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Rom 4:4

4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as **grace** but as debt.

Rom 11:6

6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

Application:

1. God is looking for the "who so ever" that will believe. Jn 3;16
2. God is still looking for people who will not be afraid to believe (Luke 1:30)
3. God is still looking for believers who are willing to submit to His plan
4. God is still looking for believers to show favor to, as He did with Joseph and Mary. Luke 1:27

Luke 2:52

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
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Why should we pass this Gift on?

1. It is not for us to keep.
2. The principle of sowing and reaping

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