



**a
free
gift!**

What an amazing offer from God: "There is forgiveness through the blood of My Son." Whoever believes this wonderful offer can accept it. It is not a reward for our services; it is the gift of God through Jesus Christ. It is not given because we are worthy to receive it, but because it is a gift worthy of God to give.

The gospel of salvation is just this: a simple offer on God's side and simple acceptance on ours! An undeserved offer like this is often ignored because people think it must be earned. But this leads to two serious mistakes.

First, it nurtures the idea of some that something in them entitles them to salvation. Second, it confirms the gloom of others who look into their own hearts and lives and find nothing there deserving divine favor. The error lies in looking to themselves instead of looking to the Savior: "Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth" (Isaiah 45:22).

The Lord Jesus Christ was crucified so that "whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). You are urged to take this wonderful offer. Do not hesitate; only believe!

God has promised that with His Son, He will freely give you all things (Romans 8:32); that He will walk with you and dwell in you (2 Corinthians 6:16), that He will purify your heart by faith (Acts 15:9), and that He will put His law in your heart and write it in your mind (Hebrews 10:16).

These are the results of salvation in Christ, and not your entitlement to it. Your first step is confident acceptance of an offer that is free, generous, and unconditional.

If I could come as an accredited agent from heaven with an invitation for you, complete with your name and address on it, you would no doubt accept it. Even so, the Bible, God's Word, extends an invitation to come to Christ. It does not have your name and address, but it says, "whoever," and that includes you. It says, "all," and that refers to you. It says, "any," and that means you. What can be more sure or more free than that?

Salvation without money,
Salvation without price,
Salvation without labor –
Believing will suffice;
Salvation for the guilty,

Salvation for the lost;
Salvation for the wretched,
The sad and tempest-tossed.

Our sins were borne by Jesus,
The Substitute from God;
He took them all, and freed us
From sin's accursed load.
Our guilt was borne by Jesus,
Who washed the crimson stains
White in His blood most precious,
Until no spot remains.

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