

## High Cost Of A Free Gift Romans 6:16-23

### "The Best Things In Life Are Free!"

Especially when consider "best" thing in life is gift from God offered to all who accept: **Romans 6:23**  
Though eternal life is a gift, a high cost was paid to offer the gift and a high cost must be paid to receive it!

A high cost for a free gift? How can that be?

### The Free Gift Of Salvation

Wrong concept of how salvation is obtained - earned by "good works"

Many professing Christians expect to gain heaven/reward because of good life; generous giving of money; faithful church attendance

But salvation is God's gift to undeserving men - **Romans 5:6-8; 1John 4:9-10; Revelation 21:6; 22:17**

Salvation offered "freely". Does mean it costs nothing? Not at all! Nothing in universe cost so much

### The High Cost Of Providing The Gift

What It Cost The Father - **John 3:16; Romans 8:32**

What it cost the Son - **Philippians 2:5-8**

What it cost the Holy Spirit - **2Thessalonians 2:13-14; Ephesians 4:30**

Each Person of Godhead paid dearly to make gift of salvation possible.

### The High Cost Of Accepting The Gift

Denial of self, and renunciation of much that men hold dear - **Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:7-8**

Makes Gospel of Christ "Hard Gospel" to accept...

Many want to accept Jesus as Savior, but not as Lord of their lives - **Luke 2:11; Acts 2:36; 10:36**

Religious leader who led think otherwise are seeing error of way "The church today is paralyzed at the moment of its supreme opportunity because we have committed the blasphemy of insisting that what is so costly for God shall come easy to us. We haven't dared face our congregations with a hard gospel." Dr. Paul Calvin Payne, General Secretary, the Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church

Can't accept as "Savior of soul" w/out accepting as "Lord of life"! - **Luke 14:26-27,33**

Jesus commissioned His disciples to preach - **Luke 24:47**

There is no remission apart from repentance! - **2Corinthians 7:10-11**

Repentance is abandoning own selfish way, to go God's way in obedience and fellowship with Him

"Accept Christ and be saved" is appeal of many...

Many assume is matter of "just accepting" Him, "with no strings" - **John 14:21,23; 15:10**

That is why "gift" of salvation, offered freely, comes with high cost.

Salvation cannot be earned, merited, by any amount of good deeds - **Luke 17:10; Matthew 28:18-20**

### Yes, The Gift Of Salvation Is Costly

**Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

It cost God more than heaven can declare

It cost Jesus the agony and shame of the cross

Even today it costs Holy Spirit who seeks woo you through gospel

And it costs everyone who truly receives it the total submission of self to the rightful claims of Jesus on the lives and souls of all who would be His for time and eternity!

Jesus has paid the high cost to offer you the gift of salvation...have you paid the high cost of accepting it?