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### THE GIFT OF GOD

1:16 (Rom 16:31)

Rom 8:28

1 Cor 2:8

Rev 3:20

In one tremendous verse, (like Micah 6:8; John 5:24) Paul sums up the Bulk, the story of redemption, the need, grace, the promise, of God. The whole message is one sentence. The story contained..

"The wages of sin is death." of James 1:15 "sin .... death."  
pad, tragic  
In that sentence, the story of all mankind.

"Sin ... death" when our first parents, driven from Eden, looked  
across the silent sun / this second son, slain by his own brother. His blood  
was on the ground! my unto this death also. "This the fruit of  
our hands!!"  
" ... when the waters / the flood deluged the earth.  
Every creature, floating corpse of man, beast, rocking on the terrible  
waves, a ghastly "comes" ...

" ... when fire fell from heaven, obliterating  
Sodom and Gomorrah. Every smoldering pile, every charred heap ....  
" ... when angel stalked the land, Egypt not excepted  
" water, the sea came together, swallowing Pharaoh's hosts  
" heavy-handed angel, the slow Sennacherib, 183,000  
Assyrian warriors  
" Jesus died on Calvary

" ... it is inundated ground with blood water ...

" Nazi legions turned Poland, liquid death / by the skin,

" capitals,整个 world delicts tend to "Mother Sod"'

The sentence / death is every life, family circle, community, street..

Universal. I recollect. All able to the Birn Prayer:

(the rich man is his master, the poor man is his lord,) (the key is his  
house room, the gavel is the board,) (the plumb line is his level line,  
(the light is his day, the greatest benefit over the clouds.)

(the quietness after the tempest, the greatest blessing over the clouds.)  
Dahr. just Malawi, I was now. Funeral procession to country  
Jerusalem - noisy street. Stopped. Fine Minaret Ben Yehuda, tracks of copper on  
the Fair Belli India. Waiting. Funeral procession. White dresses, boughs, flags.  
The tombs of Ovants - lavish, only by stately pines & towering boughs among them.

How escape it? money? Honour? Self-affection?

(5) Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress. Standing with his back to his own  
house in the City of Wrath, Despotism, with a book in his hand and a great  
burden upon his back. He opens the book, and reads therein, and so to read he  
wishes all to reader, and with big bold letters he writes, "He looketh the way as that is  
lawful for me to do?" He looked the way as that is  
lawful for me to do? "I say I perceive by the  
way to go. Evangelist: "Wherfore did thou say?" "I say I perceive by the  
book in my hand that I am condemned to die, of this that the judgment  
of God is upon me that I am condemned to die." "If they be  
not willing to do the first, are not the able to do the second?" "Pax! know not  
thy condition, why standest thou still?" "Because I know not  
the whither to go." They Evangelist pointed to the white gate, the  
gate of Calvary, the Celestial city beyond.

Something God does for us we could not do for ~~ourselves~~. A debt you pay for us we could not pay ourselves. A salvation God brings to us we could not obtain ourselves.  
f. a man is a wretched soul. If saved, somebody must sacrifice  
f. " " " a limitless debt thirty.  
f. " " " great blessing.

The gift of God. Something You have done.  
" wrought out by You. Not us. Helpless, dying.  
Eph. 2: 9, 9.  
Rom 3: 3 - 7

A gift. Free. Because priceless. Never able to buy.  
" paid for already. Debt not paid twice, by Christ alone.  
" offered freely to whosoever will take it.

(A) Chalmers, Bonar, Barlow.

Through Jesus Christ One Day, Eternal Life.

1. Here, now, forever.

- Gal. 2:8 "have been saved"  
John 3:36 "that works by it"  
John 3:24 "  
John 3:29 "

No man living or sometime, partly saved, sometime, partly lost  
"justified, " "condemned"  
"alive, " "dead"  
"born, " "reborn"  
A present possession forever. I John 5:1 a birth - a gift. Eternal  
Theology - Moral life is still God-given,  
spiritual.

2. Never ceases.

Without cessation, intermission.

II Cor. 5:6-8. Only one remedy other than to quit.

I Thess. 4:14 "sleep in Jesus" comes  
"will they sleep with him - spirit."

3. Never lost.

John 10:3 "he calleth his own sheep by name"

John 10:37 "will cause you to pass under the rod"

John 10:37 "they rod and by staff thy comforter over."

John 10:3:4 "they rod and by staff thy comforter over."

John 10:3:4 "the rod falls in safety. One rebuke passing under the rod, by name."

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Thomas Chalmers 1780-1847 Leader of Free Church, Scotland.

### CHALMERS:

In a letter to a friend: "I must say that I never had so close and satisfactory a view of the gospel salvation, as when I have been led to contemplate it in the light of a simple offer on the one side, and a simple acceptance on the other. It is just <sup>God</sup> saying to me and all of us, 'There is forgiveness through the blood of my Son: Take it.' And whoever believes the reality of the offer takes it."

1803-1889 Free ~~Church~~<sup>Christian</sup> of Scotland. Preacher and  
Author. What a find we have of you.  
I had the voice & you say.

HORATIO BONAR: "Wade forth Inquiring: "Surely faith is not a work. On the contrary, it is a ceasing from work. It is not a climbing of the mountains, but a ceasing to attempt it, and allowing Christ to carry you up in His own arms. Do not suppose that your faith is a price or a bribe, a merit. Is not the very essence of real faith just your being satisfied with Christ? Do not puzzle yourself about your faith, but go on your way rejoicing, having thus been brought to be satisfied with Him who to know is peace and life and salvation."

GEORGE BARLOW:

On Eph 2:8 Homiletical Commentary:  
"Grace, without any respect of human  
worthiness, confers the glorious gift.  
Faith, with an empty hand and  
without any pretense to personal  
desert, receives the heavenly blessing.  
Neither salvation nor thy faith  
that brings it is the result of  
any man's ingenuity and effort."

Is it the gift? <sup>1st.</sup>

A young minister was in the habit of visiting an aged Scotch woman in his congregation who was familiarly called "Old Nanny." She was bed-ridden and rapidly approaching the end of her long and weary pilgrimage; but she rested with undisturbed composure and full assurance of faith upon the finished work of Christ. One day he said to her, "Now, Nanny, what if, after all your confidence in thy Saviour and your watching and waiting, God should never find your soul to be lost?" Turning to him with a look of grief and pain, she laid her hand on the open Bible before her and quietly replied:

"Ah dear me, is that the length  
you has got yet now? And" she  
continued remissly, "would her the  
greatest loss. Poor Nannie would  
lose her soul as that would be  
a great loss indeed; but God would  
lose this Anna on its character.

Haven't I hung my soul upon this  
"keeping nests and proving promises"?  
and if he would break his word  
or make such unkind a lie, as  
to say univously would need its  
confession."

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the gift / God thru you X, so raw now. And says  
you raw & now. "but I'm so raw now. And says  
not to mind, but mind not  
such raw lots  
yes... go what raw..."  
Right - heavily rain - flooded, flooded, floods.  
des, organ in Delo...

you did I raw

"wash me ... etc 5,  
redeemed by big and ... raw from  
not redone with sins, yet ..." I think  
all we like sheep ..."

Jesus lives & now. For I; raw by both  
but "all - uttermost"