

# A GIFT TOO GOOD TO KEEP



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Romans 6:23

## Sermon Notes

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**(Answer key located on the last page)**

## **I. RECOGNIZING SIN'S SERIOUS** \_\_\_\_\_

*"For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_..."*

- Sin pays \_\_\_\_\_ - not a bonus, but \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spiritual death means eternal \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
- Romans 3:23: "For \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

## **II. RECEIVING GRACE'S GLORIOUS** \_\_\_\_\_

*"...but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

The Beautiful Word: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

The Contrast:

- WAGES = what you \_\_\_\_\_ = DEATH
- GIFT = what you \_\_\_\_\_ = ETERNAL LIFE

- Salvation \_\_\_\_\_ be earned by works, goodness, or religious rituals.

- Ephesians 2:8-9: "By \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved through \_\_\_\_\_"

- This gift is found only "in \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord"

## **III. RELEASING THE GOSPEL'S RADICAL** \_\_\_\_\_.

- This gift is too good to \_\_\_\_\_ to ourselves!
- Romans 1:16: "I am not \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel"

• Matthew 28:19-20: " \_\_\_\_\_ therefore and make disciples of all nations"

• Share Romans 6:23 right where you are:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_

• 1 Peter 3:15: "Always be \_\_\_\_\_ to give an answer"

## PERSONAL REFLECTION

What is one area where I've been trying to "earn" God's approval instead of receiving His free gift?

## COMMITMENT

I commit to praying daily for these three people and looking for opportunities to share the Gospel:

1. Family member: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Coworker/Neighbor: \_\_\_\_\_

## KEY VERSE TO REMEMBER

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

— Romans 6:23 (ESV)

## NEXT STEPS

- Write my salvation testimony (1 page)
- Memorize Romans 6:23
- Set a daily reminder to pray for my three people
- Share the Gospel with at least one person this week
- Invite someone to church next Sunday

## Answer Key

### I. RECOGNIZING SIN'S SERIOUS CONSEQUENCE.

Consequence | death | wages | death | separation | all

### II. RECEIVING GRACE'S GLORIOUS GIFT.

Gift | free | gift | but | earn | receive | cannot | grace | faith | Christ | Jesus

### III. RELEASING THE GOSPEL'S RADICAL MESSAGE.

Message | keep | ashamed | Go | Home | Work | neighborhood/school | prepared

#### The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

#### The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
(Romans 3:23)

#### The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

#### The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23a )

#### Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

**Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

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