

The Supreme Gift

Greetings, friends. Have you ever thought of the supreme gift that God gave to our world in giving His only begotten Son? If you are a father, would you even consider giving your son up to die for a race of rebels? And not just to die, but to die a cruel, agonizing death upon the cross, the Roman instrument of torture. How can we even comprehend such love? It stirs our souls and humbles the heart. Jesus took our place. The Bible says that **"the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23** In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve sinned, and everyone after them was born a sinner into a sinful world. The whole human race would have been doomed because God's law was broken. The link between heaven and earth was cut off by man's sin. So God gave His only Son so that the world might be saved. All who look to Him in faith, accepting His perfect life in place of our imperfect life, can look forward to a bright future. He is our link to heaven. He has reconnected man's relationship to God. God accepts His sacrifice in the place of man. **"And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him." 2 Corinthians 5:18** What a condescension! What love! I like that it says God gave. It doesn't say, God agreed to or God unwillingly signed a contract, but God gave. **"To rescue us He descended from one humiliation to another until He, the divine-human, suffering Christ, was uplifted on the cross to draw all men to Himself. The Son of God could not have shown greater condescension than He did; He could not have stooped lower. This is the mystery of godliness." Testimonies for the Church, volume 7, p. 29** So friends, don't turn away from this gift freely offered you. God is not willing that any should perish. He is calling your name and longing for a relationship with you. Start today, take time to pray, take time to read His Word. **"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8**