



THE GIFT

In Christ Alone • Romans 4:23-25

MESSAGE NOTES

Why is faith in Jesus Christ the only way to receive the gift?

Jesus was the price for the gift.

Jesus is the proof it is for real.

Jesus alone can provide it to you.

Jesus right now promises it to you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

According to Romans 4:25a, Jesus was “delivered up because of our offences.” The word “delivered” means to be judicially handed over for justice to be carried out. In order to be familiar with the idea of Jesus being “delivered,” look up and read the following verses of Scripture.

- He was “delivered” by the religious leaders – Matthew 20:18-19
- He was “delivered” by His disciple and friend, Judas – Matthew 26:14-16
- He was “delivered” by Pontius Pilate, although he had declared Jesus innocent – John 19:16
- He was “delivered” by God His Father – Acts 2:22-24 and Romans 8:31-32

How does this idea of Jesus being “delivered” (handed over for justice to be carried out) impact you personally? What are your thoughts about it?

Some people in the world might say that “a God who would do this to His own Son is cruel.” How would you respond to someone who said that to you?

Jesus was also “raised because of our justification” (vs. 25b). Because Jesus lives, He is able to give life to us. Look up the following verses and discuss.

- Luke 12:15 Jesus exposed materialism as a wrong view of what life is all about. How does this wrong view of life show up in our society today? What about in our lives, even as Christians? In our priorities, how we view others, our attitude toward our job, how young people view their future career?
- John 10:10 What is included in the “more abundant” life that Jesus promised to give? How are you experiencing that?
- John 17:3 According to Jesus, eternal is knowing God. How are you experiencing this?
- Romans 6:4 According to this verse, those who are united with Christ by faith “walk in newness of life.” What is this like? How are you experiencing this? How can we help one another experience this?
- 1 Peter 3:7 According to Peter, husbands and wives are “heirs together of the grace of life.” What does this include? If you are married, how are you experiencing this? How can you experience it more fully? How can you help someone who is struggling in his or her marriage to experience this?
- Revelation 21:6 What are your thoughts about this promise? How does it encourage you? How does it challenge you to think and live?