

Eternal Life Is A Free Gift
Romans 6:23
Roman Road To Salvation

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Geography/Map: It is believed that it was written at Corinth, during the three months' stay in Achaia (Greece).

Text: Romans 6:23

Additional Study: Rom 5:12; Gen 2:17, Gen 3:19; Isa 3:11; Eze 18:4, Eze 18:20; 1Co 6:9-10; Gal 3:10; Gal 6:7-8; Jas 1:15; Rev 21:8; Rom 2:7, Rom 5:17, Rom 5:21; Joh 3:14-17, Joh 3:36, Joh 4:14, Joh 5:24, Joh 5:39-40, Joh 6:27, Joh 6:32-33, Joh 6:40, Joh 6:50-58; Joh 6:68, Joh 10:28, Joh 17:2; Tit 1:2; 1Pe 1:3-4; 1Jn 2:25, 1Jn 5:11-12

Memory Verse(s): "For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." **Romans 6:23 (KJV)**

Main Idea: Mankind owes a debt the he cannot pay but God has made a way through Jesus Christ which is offered as a free gift.

Daily Devotions

M- Newness of life - Rom 6:3-4

T- We should not serve sin - Rom 6:6

W- Alive from the dead - Rom 6:11-13

Th- Servant to the one you obey - Rom 6:16

F- Free from sin - Rom 6:22-23.

Study

Intro.: Romans 6:23 is sometimes described as the bridge gospel or the gospel in a sentence. If any verse in the Bible can give you the gospel message in a verse it is Romans 6:23.

I. "For the wages of sin . . . "

What is a wage? For a Roman soldier it was his pay that was earned for his service as a soldier of Rome. The soldiers expected their pay and at times demanded their pay. We too have an earned wage that is the wages of sin.

II. " . . . *is* death; . . . "

Romans 3:23 tells us that all have sinned. The sin nature that is inherit to all of Adams descendants and the fact that all have sinned puts us all at peril. What we have earned is a death penalty. This death is more than a physical death. Death is separation from God and the eternal punishment of Hell.

III. " . . . but the gift of God . . . "

What is a gift? A gift is something that is given without earning or deserving it. It would be something like receiving a pardon for a crime you committed. You were guilty and deserved the penalty but because of the pardon you are now forgiven and released from the punishment you earned. What a gift. This is exactly what God has done for those who repent. You have been given a gift. You have been freed from the penalty of sin.

IV. " . . . *is* eternal life . . . "

What is eternal life? In contrast to death eternal life is an eternal existence with God. But just like death is much more than a physical death, eternal life is much more? "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." **1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)**. Heaven is so full of wonders that you have never seen, nor heard, nor could you even imagine what God has prepared for you.

V. ". . . through Jesus Christ our Lord."

This free gift of eternal life can only come through one source. I John 3:5 tells us that Jesus came to take away our sins. It further states the fact that Jesus had no sin in him. It took a perfect sacrifice to purchase the penalty for our sins. Only Jesus could do this. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We cannot get there any other way.

Review Questions

1. Why would a loving God punish sin?
2. Can a person earn his or her way to Heaven? Why?
3. What must a person do to go to Heaven?