

FREE BUT NOT CHEAP

The Cost of Christmas

AN EXPENSIVE AND EXPANSIVE MISSION

Sometimes, we don't appreciate things that are free because we associate free with "cheap." Sometimes we are right. But not everything that is free is cheap. In fact, a great many things that are free to us are only free because someone else paid a great price.

That is the case with salvation and the message of Christmas!



THE FREE GIFT

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

The FREE GIFT OF GOD...



THE MISSION

John 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ “For **God** so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The Gift comes from God and it begins with God!



OUT OF LOVE

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This is a love story. It is motivated, not by anger or obligation, but by love.




FOR THE WORLD

It is not simply that God loved, but it is who he loved... The world!

This is the expansive gift.

Romans 5:8

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



God loves you
even when you
don't love yourself

THE COST

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THE COST



Christ came and
Christ died because
there was no other
way! No other
payment would have
been sufficient!

MORE THAN ENOUGH

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously **give us all things?**

The payment was big enough to purchase our salvation and everything else we need!



MORE THAN ENOUGH

1 Peter 2:24

who Himself bore our sins
in His own body on the tree,
that we, having died to sins,
might live for righteousness—
by whose stripes you were
healed.

You are healed by the price He
paid!



MORE THAN ENOUGH

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

All things!



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THE FREE GIFT OF GOD

Grace is free but
not cheap.

Will you receive it
and share it?

For by grace you have
been saved through faith,
and that not of yourselves;
it is the gift of God