

“The Gift of Jesus”

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Romans 5:12-21

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In order to understand the significance of Christ, we must understand these two spiritual truths.

1. **The sin of Adam has impacted all of us. (Romans 5:12-14)**
 - Sin impacts our relationship with God.
 - Sin impacts our relationship with others.
 - Sin impacts our personal well-being.
 - Sin impacts all aspects of our world.

2. **Jesus is God’s gift to all of humanity that brings life and justification. (Romans 5:15-21)**

Summary:

“The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined Humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory—because at the Father’s will Jesus Christ became poor and was born in a stable so that thirty years later he might hang on a cross. It is the most wonderful message that the world has ever heard, or will hear.”

J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*, Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, Illinois, 1973, p. 63.

“You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. Even those who didn't sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it.”

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“Yet the rescuing **gift** is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man's sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God's **gift** poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do! There's no comparison between that death-dealing sin and this generous, life-giving **gift**. The verdict on that one sin was the death sentence; the verdict on the many sins that followed was this wonderful life sentence. If death got the upper hand through one man's wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life makes, sovereign life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-**gift**, this grand setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides?

Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.”

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