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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 157

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by His **gifting** love. Eph. 2:8-9 *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the **gift** of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

The Greek word for *gift* is **doron** which means *a present, gift or a sacrifice*. The whole key to salvation is that it is a gift. There is nothing that you can do to earn salvation. If there was a way, then Jesus would have died in vain. But there is nothing that we as humans can do to earn our way into Heaven. You can't be good enough; because all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. You can't be religious enough; even the most religious have fallen short. Paul put it this way in **Rom. 5:6** *“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”* And herein lies the difference between religion and relationship. You see you can't be religious enough to get to Heaven. Because we all have a fallen nature, we are prone to sin. I love how Keith Green once put it: *“Going to church won't make you a Christian anymore that going to McDonald's will make you a hamburger.”*

There must be a real relationship with the One Who paid the ultimate price for your sin debt. His name is Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, the Holy One of Israel, the Lion of Judah, the precious Lamb of God. And, you don't have a right to be His by “doing things.” He gave up His life so that we could live with Him forever. He simply desires for us to come to Him and put our complete faith in what He has done for us. That is the relationship of Christianity. That is the gift that keeps on giving, forever!

Dear Father, thank You for giving Your love to us. You don't want our works, you just want us. When we fall in love with You, true works will flow from our gratitude and desire to honor and please You. Thank You Jesus for giving us Your great salvation. In Jesus Name, Amen