There are many offers today that promise a FREE GIFT if you subscribe, enter, join etc... Many of them are worthwhile, whilst many of them are just scams. Yet, there is a free gift that we can accept that is so worthwhile, its benefits reap eternally. The Bible, God's word, teaches that Salvation is not a reward for good behaviour, good works or turning over a new leaf, rather Salvation is a FREE GIFT in which can either be accepted or rejected.

#### Romans 5:18

"Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

A free gift does not involve works on the recipients part, it does not demand a payment to the receiver, it offers a humble acceptance to the one who reaches out and accepts. This free gift on offer was paid for entirely by the one who offers it to us, the Lord Jesus Christ. So then if we accept the free gift of eternal life, we can then rest in the fact that we are not required to put any of our own payment onto it. Through Christ, the bill has been settled, the payment has went through, the receipt has been printed, the stamp marks "PAID IN FULL".

Whilst many doubt on this amazing offer, the Bible assures us of this transaction. The Bible teaches that The Lord Jesus Christ purged our sins by HIMSELF...

# Hebrews 1:3

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

This shows that Christ did not require our help, efforts or our own payment. God's word encourages us further that Christ gave HIMSELF for our sins, again showing that the work is all of Christ.

#### Galatians 1:4

"Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:"

We cannot pay a bill that has already been settled, this is why God's word tells us that Salvation is not through ourselves, not by our works, and not by our own righteous efforts.

# Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

The payment of Salvation cost God, not us. The Bible says that Christ offered and sacrificed HIMSELF to God as a payment on our behalf, and He gave HIMSELF as a ransom for ALL.

## Ephesians 5:2

"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

When the Lord Jesus was nailed to the cross, He HIMSELF took our sins, blotted out our transgressions, and nailed them ALL to HIS cross, showing forth that the sin offering was not on our part, but entirely His work.

## Colossians 2:13-14

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

As Christ has finished the work, all we are required to do is by faith believe on Him to accept His free gift of eternal life and trust that HIS payment ALONE is sufficient for our sins to be paid, and for our debt to be cleared.