Unspeakable gift, The Gift of God to a lost world

Gal. 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:

“gave himself”

Christ gave Himself up for a Sin-Offering in order to take His people out of the world.

It means that Jesus paid it all at Calvary, which included the terrible sin debt and the breaking of sin’s grip.

1John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

The work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1.  The message of the gospel is that Christ "gave Himself for our sins." Christ died as our substitute. He took the place of the sinner before God. Two things show this.

a.  The word "for" (*huper*) means instead of, in place of, as our substitute, in behalf of our sins.

b.  The phrase "gave Himself" (*dontos heauton*[PWS: 1644](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?pub=0&book=748&tocpath=G\#1644: Gave Himself)) means that He sacrificed Himself for us. He gave His life for the sinner's life. Jesus Christ...

•  offered Himself to God as the sacrifice for our sin.

•  offered Himself as the sin-offering, the offering that was to stand as the substitute for our sin.

•  accepted the judgment and condemnation of sin for us.

•  bore the punishment of God's justice against sin for us.

Note that "our sins" are not listed or described. This means that Christ died for *all our sins*: big sins; little sins, known sins as well as unknown sins, terrible sins as well as mild sins, sins of the flesh as well as sins of the spirit.

 Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (**[**1 Peter 2:24**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+2%3A24)**).**

**"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation [sacrifice] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (**[**1 John 2:1-2**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+2%3A1-2)**).**

**"Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (**[**Rev. 1:5**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A5)**).**

2.  The purpose of Jesus' death was "to deliver us from this present evil world."

This present world is evil. It is evil in at least two senses:

⇒  The present world is sinful: it causes men to ignore, neglect, deny, and curse God. It also stirs and excites ungodliness, unrighteousness, immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, envy, murder, strife, deceit, ill will, cruelty, back-biting, gossip, slander, pride, boasting, inventions of evil things, disobedience to parents, misunderstanding and false undertanding, the breaking of covenants, and the destruction of true love and mercy. Romans 1:29-32

⇒  The present world is corrupt: it keeps both man and his world from being healthy and from living eternally. The present world of corruption causes man and his world to suffer and experience disaster, accident, disease, distress, sorrow, and calamities. It causes everything to age, deteriorate, waste away, decay, and die.

⇒  The present world causes man to die and face the judgment of God who is *perfectly holy*. Therefore, the present world dooms man to face the holiness of God as an unholy, sinful, and corruptible creature. The world dooms man to an eternity of death and judgment**—**dooms him to be separated from God forever.

But this was the very purpose for Jesus' death. He died to deliver us from this present evil world. The word "deliver" (*exelētai*) means to rescue and to pluck out. Jesus Christ died to rescue and to pluck us out of this present evil world.

How?

"He gave Himself for our sins." He delivers us from the penalty of sin and *the power of sin and the fate of the world*.

The believer experiences both abundant and eternal life now and forever.

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (**[**John 3:16**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+3%3A16)**).**

**"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (**[**John 5:24**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A24)**).**

**"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (**[**John 11:25-26**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+11%3A25-26)**).**

3.  The reason Christ died for us is because God willed it. This is a most glorious truth:

God loves us even as Christ loves us. It was God's will that we be saved and delivered from this evil world. God loves us so much that He wills us to be saved**—**wills it so much that He sacrificed His own Son for us.

Note that God wills to be our Father.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes it possible for us to be saved

Led by the Spirit makes it possible for us to be adopted by God as His sons

Rom. 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Gal. 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

**"Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (**[**Acts 2:23**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+2%3A23)**).**

**"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (**[**Romans 5:8**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+5%3A8)**).**

**"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" (**[**Ephes. 5:2**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+5%3A2)**).**

 "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" ([Titus 2:12-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Tit+2%3A12-13)

**THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST**

The phrase, *“Who raised him from the dead,”* presents the Resurrection of Jesus as the Supreme Manifestation of the Power of God (Eph. 1:20). Furthermore, the One Who came forth from the tomb is the same Person Who commissioned Paul as an Apostle.

Why?

Christ is the Head of the Church (Eph. 5:23), and as such He has the prerogative to commission whomever He wills. The same power that caused Him to come out of the tomb is the power that enables His commissioned Ambassadors to fulfill His Ministry. Consequently, they who go about to overthrow the Righteousness of Christ, do resist the Father and the Son, and the work of Both.

So Paul mentions at once the Resurrection of Christ *“who rose again for our Justification,”* to make us righteous, and in so doing He hath overcome the Law, sin, death, Hell, and all evils. This victory He hath given unto us.

2Cor. 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

4.  The result of Jesus' death is the glory of God. Note: Paul could not mention the death of Christ and the will of God without breaking forth in praise. All men should praise Him for His wonderful love and the unspeakable gift of His Son.

**"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (**[**Isaiah 53:5**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+53%3A5)**).**

**"Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong: because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (**[**Isaiah 53:12**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+53%3A12)**).**

**"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (**[**John 10:11**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+10%3A11)**).**

**"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly....But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (**[**Romans 5:6**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+5%3A6)**,** [**8**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+5%3A8)**).**

**"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (**[**1 Cor. 15:3**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+15%3A3)**).**

**"And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (**[**2 Cor. 5:15**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+5%3A15)**).**

**"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (**[**Galatians 3:13**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+3%3A13)**).**

**"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" (**[**Ephes. 5:2**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+5%3A2)**).**

**"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (**[**Titus 2:14**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Tit+2%3A14)**).**

**"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (**[**Hebrews 2:9**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A9)**).**

**"...once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (**[**Hebrews 9:26**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+9%3A26)**).**

**"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (**[**1 Peter 3:18**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+3%3A18)**).**

**"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (**[**1 John 3:16**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+3%3A16)**).**

**"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (**[**Rev. 5:9**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+5%3A9)**).**

 God the Father, was one with him in respect of his divine nature, and who had appointed him, as Mediator, to be the apostle and high priest of our profession, and as such to authorize others to this office. He adds, Who raised him from the dead, both to acquaint us that herein God the Father gave a public testimony to Christ's being his Son and the promised Messiah, and also that, as his call to the apostleship was immediately from Christ, so it was after his resurrection from the dead, and when he had entered upon his exalted state; so that he had reason to look upon himself, not only as standing upon a level with the other apostles, but as in some sort preferred above them; for, whereas they were called by him when on earth, he had his call from him when in heaven.