



Reference in this leaflet is from the Bible:

1. John chapter 3 verse 16

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“WHAT’S THIS?”

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The man, rather past middle age, was washing his car outside his house. He glanced up as I walked up his garden path with a leaflet in my hand. Without a glimmer of a smile, he said,

"Whatever it is, no thanks"

and carried on with his work.

He seemed to have everything that anyone could want, but didn't appear particularly happy. Why wouldn't he take something free?

I suppose he could have said,

"What's this? I've lived long enough to know that there's no such thing as a free meal. If anybody's giving something away, it's either worth nothing or there's some kind of catch in it."

That's certainly a common enough answer, but would he have been right?

I don't think so - something could be given away for another reason: it might be **too valuable** to be bought. And before you say that idea is hopelessly idealistic, think about this: would you consider loving someone in return for money? I reckon you would despise anyone who did that. Your love isn't to be **bought**, it's **given**.

Would you consider loving someone in return for money?

That's what my leaflet was about. It told the story of God's love. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, loves the people in this world (including you) so much, that He suffered death by crucifixion. His death was the penalty for all the things we have done wrong.

When you say "thank you" to God that Jesus suffered and died instead of you, God gives you His **free gift of eternal life**. This gift from God has to be free: It's far too precious to sell - you can't put a price on it!

Of course, you'll have guessed that that's what this leaflet is about too. The man I met had prejudices that kept him away from experiencing real joy and eternal life. Would you do the same?

Don't dismiss God's free gift without finding out about it. In the Bible it says this:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."¹