

Jesus Gave

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How often do we stop and consider just how much Jesus gave for us? When we notice how much Jesus gave, it should make us especially thankful to Him. It should also make us desire to be giving people. The following are a few examples of what Jesus gave:

Jesus gave healing – *“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses”* (Matthew 8:16, 17).

Jesus gave the words from the Father – *“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me”* (John 17:8).

Jesus gave obedience to His Father – *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross”* (Philippians 2:8).

Jesus gave His body – *“who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed”* (1 Peter 2:24).

Jesus gave His blood – *“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood”* (Acts 20:28).

Jesus gave the effectual sin offering – *“And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God”* (Hebrews 10:11, 12).

Jesus gave His love – *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends”* (John 15:13).

Jesus gave access to the Father – *“According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him”* (Ephesians 3:11, 12).

Jesus gave justification – *“Much more then, being now justified by his blood...”* (Romans 5:9a).

Jesus gave salvation from God’s wrath – *“...we shall be saved from wrath through him”* (Romans 5:9b).

Jesus gave peace – *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Romans 5:1).

Jesus gave access to grace – *“...through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God”* (Romans 5:1, 2).

Jesus gave the greatest memorial – *“For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come”* (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Jesus gave the greatest teachings – *“And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man”* (John 7:44-46).

Jesus gave the New Covenant – *“Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second”* (Hebrews 10:9).

Jesus gave hope – *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”* (1 Peter 1:3 ASV).

Jesus gave strength – *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me”* (Philippians 4:13).

Jesus gave the fulfillment of prophecy – *“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow”* (1 Peter 1:9-11).

Jesus gave the perfect example – *“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously”* (1 Peter 2:21-23).

Jesus gave His Plan for our salvation! – Hear: *“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me”* (John 6:45); Believe: *“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”* (John 8:24); Repent: *“I*

tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3); Confess Christ: “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32); Be baptized: “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15, 16); Be faithful: “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22).

Let us look to Jesus' example of selflessness, and let us *“remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).*