

## Devotion 7- Jesus' Sacrifice

Have any of you ever received a gift that you could never have gotten on your own? Maybe you got a new Xbox or maybe you got a really expensive iPad that you could never have gotten on your own. It is really cool to receive a gift that we could not have paid for. Today we are going to talk about the gift that God offers that we could never pay for.

Remember when we were talking about our sin? We said that our sin was just as much a part of us as our brain. We can't be in a relationship with God because of our sin. God loves us so much, even though we sin every day, He sent Jesus to take away our sin.

Let me tell you guys a little more about Jesus. When Jesus came, He lived the perfect life. He did not sin even once. Because Jesus never sinned and loves people so much, He decided to take the punishment of sin that you deserve. A couple weeks ago we said that the punishment for sin is death. Because we have sin, we don't deserve to be in a relationship with God. But, Jesus decided to make a way that we CAN be in a relationship with God. Isn't that so cool? The next part of Romans 6:23 says "...but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord".

God's free gift is the opportunity to be forgiven of your sin and to be in a relationship with God, forever. There is nothing that any of you can do that will get you into a relationship with God. You can't share enough of your toys, obey your parents enough, or even go your whole life without lying. Sin is too strong for us to handle, but Jesus is stronger than sin. You and I are not able to pay the penalty of our sin and be in a relationship with God. The ONLY way for us to be in a relationship with God is through Jesus because Jesus paid the punishment of sin. The gift that Jesus provides is a gift that we could never pay for on our own.

Next week we will talk about what you can do to have your sins taken away and be in a relationship with God.

### Discussion Questions:

Why do you think that Jesus came to take the punishment of our sin?

What do you think you need to do in order to have your sin taken away?