



Sunday December 15, 2019
Big Sunday : Redeem Your Gift

Redeem your gift coupon
Redeem your gift card
Redeem your gift certificate

We are all familiar with these terms.

Perhaps some of us have already received or are going to receive this year's Christmas gifts as a gift coupon or a gift card or as a gift certificate.

SOMEBODY PAID FOR IT

Typically someone may have paid for this gift and sent you the gift card (or coupon or certificate). The gift is yours - but there is just one step you need to take. Follow the instructions to redeem the gift. Maybe go online to the website and enter the code, or go to the physical store present the coupon, etc.

GIVEN BECAUSE OF LOVE

Most often the gift is given to express something - perhaps to express you are loved, valued, appreciated, etc.

GOD'S BIG GIFT

The Bible is really the story of God's big gift to us. God has given us a BIG gift.

CEV : Contemporary English Version

Romans 6:23 (CEV)

Sin pays off with death. But God's gift is eternal life given by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here is the full story...

(share the Gospel story concisely - and in a creative manner suited to your audience)

WE HAVE ALL SINNED

Romans 3:23 (CEV)

All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.



OUR SINS HAVE THEIR CONSEQUENCE

Isaiah 59:2 (CEV)

Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see his face.

Romans 6:23 (CEV)

Sin pays off with death....

WE CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES

Isaiah 64:6 (CEV)

We are unfit to worship you; each of our good deeds is merely a filthy rag. We dry up like leaves; our sins are storm winds sweeping us away.

NO OTHER HUMAN PERSON CAN SAVE US - BECAUSE ALL HAVE SINNED

Romans 3:10 (CEV)

The Scriptures tell us, "No one is acceptable to God!"

WE NEED A SAVIOR

GOD LOVES US SO MUCH - HE CAME TO BE OUR SAVIOR

John 3:16 (CEV)

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.

Romans 5:8 (CEV)

But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful.

JESUS PAID THE FULL PRICE

1 John 2:2 (CEV)

Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and the sins of all the world's people.

1 Peter 3:18 (CEV)

Christ died once for our sins. An innocent person died for those who are guilty. Christ did this to bring you to God,...



GOD OFFERS SALVATION AS A FREE GIFT

Romans 6:23 (CEV)

Sin pays off with death. But God's gift is eternal life given by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:18 (CEV)

18 Everyone was going to be punished because Adam sinned. But because of the good thing that Christ has done, God accepts us and gives us the gift of life.

SALVATION IS COMPREHENSIVE

It includes forgiveness and freedom from sin, right relationship with God, eternal life, freedom from bondages, healing for sickness, victory, prosperity, success, total well-being.

Romans 8:32 (CEV)

God did not keep back his own Son, but he gave him for us. If God did this, won't he freely give us everything else?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REDEEM YOUR FREE GIFT?

Salvation and eternal life has been provided for, as a free gift, just waiting to be received, to be redeemed, to be picked-up - to be received as a gift!

All God asks us to do is to believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Acts 16:30-31 (CEV)

31 .."What must I do to be saved?"

31 They replied, "Have faith in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved! This is also true for everyone who lives in your home."

We must trust in Jesus Christ alone, to be our Savior.

Acts 4:12 (CEV)

Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone.

You cannot earn a gift or pay for a gift. All you do is receive it!



Ephesians 2:8 (CEV)

You were saved by faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (CEV)

Thank God for his gift that is too wonderful for words!

THE OTHER WISE MAN (at APC Central only)

The story we saw enacted for us today, "The Other Wise Man" (a short novel written by Henry van Dyke. Initially published in 1895) portrays for us a man who is searching and seeking to meet the King. He has journeyed through life, and things happened along the way, that caused him to miss those opportunities where he could have met the King. Until, he meets the King, but has nothing to offer....

Artaban: Is it you the one I have searched for all these years?

The Lord: Yes my son it is time for you to receive my gift, the gift I died to give you and all the people of this world.

MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

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