

Payment With A Million Dollar Bill



A young lady piled a load of expensive electronic equipment into a shopping cart and pushed it up to a cashier's booth of a major department store. At first she attempted to pay for it using a credit card. When the store's computer rejected her plastic credit card, she searched in her purse, and brought out a million dollar bill. The cashier looked at it for a moment. It looked like genuine U.S. currency. It even had the feel of real cash money. However, the cashier was naturally suspicious. The store manager was called, and at once he contacted the police. They came a short while later; and, after a brief investigation, they arrested the lady for trying to pass counterfeit money.

To the cashier, it seemed too good to be true that a shopper whose credit card had been just rejected should have a million dollar bill in her purse. The cashier was absolutely right. The million dollar bill was counterfeit currency. Most of us have learned that, when a person makes an offer too good to be true, we should be on our guard. Such offers are usually an attempt to swindle us.

Although, sometimes men seek to take advantage of us, God never does. He is making an incredible offer of grace to you. The offer is so great that it seems too good to be true. He is offering the gift of eternal life to all who will simply place their faith in his Son. The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We live in this world, and we are so used to dealing with other human beings who, just like us, are full of shortcomings, such as deceit and selfishness, that we naturally tend to be suspicious. We fail to recognize that God is far different from us. He has no shortcomings. He is the Being par excellence. He is perfect in knowledge, goodness, truth, and love. God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

The offer of eternal life doesn't come from a human being like us. It comes from the supreme Being of the universe. Men sadly may use deceit, but God never will. The offer to bring ruined sinners into his favor for all eternity is absolutely true. He can make this offer because in love he sent his Son into the world to give his life on the cross for sinners. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

The Lord Jesus shed his precious blood on the cross, so all who believe on him might be redeemed. Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. To be redeemed means to be bought at a great price and to be delivered from

the destruction that will inevitably overtake all men who remain in their sins. The Lord Jesus paid with his life's blood that all who believe on him might be redeemed. What an incredible price God was willing to pay, so we might spend eternity with him in heaven!

To all of mankind who by their deeds deserve the darkness of a lost eternity, God is making this offer. Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved. God is supremely trustworthy and will never fail in keeping any of his promises. This offer is meant for you. He wants you to take it. He wants you to receive the gift of eternal life and to be his child forever. And once you are his child, he wants you to learn of him and his goodness. What holds you back from taking it? Men may have hurt you in the past by their deceptions, but God never will. Oh come to the One who is faithful and true, who makes incredible promises and keeps them to the fullest!

The gift of eternal life is the most astounding gift anyone could ever receive. So even if the offer at first seems almost too good to be true, just remember it is not man offering it, but God himself! Won't you believe on the Lord Jesus that this gift might be yours?