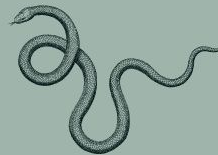




Jesus' Rewards Program

Season of Persecution
Evangelism Series Part 39



Rewards Received



Matthew 10:40-42

40 Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

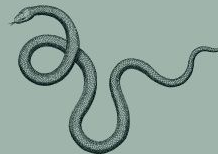


"Receives"

Gk. *Dechomai*

to receive by deliberate and ready
reception of what is offered

Matthew 10:14 And if anyone will not
receive you or listen to your words,
shake off the dust from your feet when
you leave that house or town.

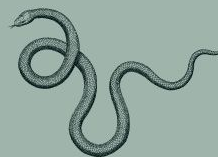




"Receive"
Gk. *Lambanō*
to forcibly seize or take

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You *received* without paying; give without pay.

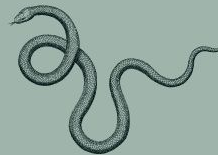
Matthew 10:38 And whoever does not *take* his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.





John 13:20

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever
receives the one I send *receives*
me, and whoever *receives* me
receives the one who sent me.



Reward of the Father and Son

Matthew 10:40

Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me
receives him who sent me.



There are people who will never know what Christ is like unless they see Christ in you. If you are a Christian, you take Christ with you everywhere you go. When you are at school or at work, Christ is with you. Whether you are out with your friends or speaking to a stranger, Christ is with you. Whenever people meet you, they also meet Christ....That's why it's so important that you always represent Christ as he is. Others will be attracted to Christ when your life shows that he is loving, forgiving, patient, and kind. The only way some people will ever believe God is forgiving is when they experience Christ's love as you forgive them. There are many people around you who need to receive Jesus, and you're the one who can introduce them to him.

-Henry Blackabee

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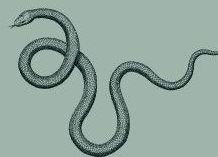
I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians.
Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.
-Mahatma Gandhi

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2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,
God making his appeal through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.



Reward of the Son

Righteousness!

Salvation!

Being in the presence of the Father!



Reward of the Father

Adoption!
An eternal family!



Reward of the Prophet And Righteous Person

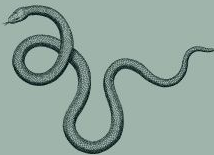
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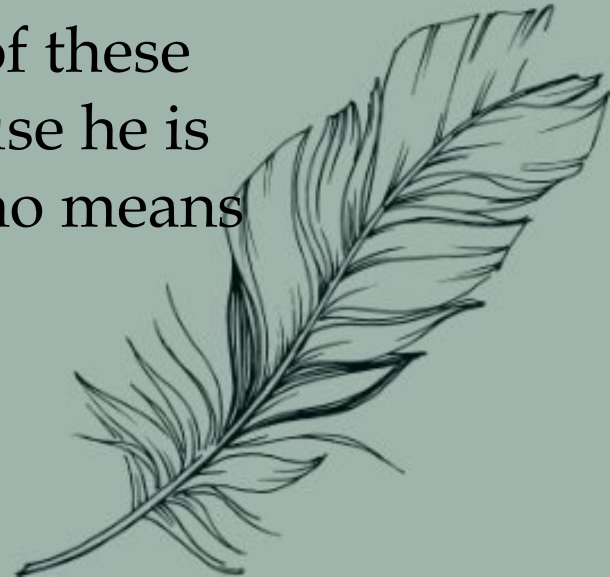
John 12:44-46

And Jesus cried out and said,
“Whoever believes in me,
believes not in me but in him who sent me.
And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.
I have come into the world as light,
so that whoever believes in me
may not remain in darkness.”



Rewards That Last

Matthew 10:42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.



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How gracious of the Lord to mention so insignificant an action —“to give to drink a cup of cold water only”! This I can do, however poor: this I may do, however lowly: this I will do right cheerfully. This, which seems so little, the Lord notices—notices when done to the least of his followers. Evidently it is not the cost, nor the skill, nor the quantity, that he looks at, but the motive: that which we do to a disciple, because he is a disciple, his Lord observes, and recompenses. He does not reward us for the merit of what we do, but according to the riches of his grace...I give a cup of cold water, and he makes me to drink of living water. I give to one of his little ones, and he treats me as one of them.

-C.H. Spurgeon

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