

FLEURIEU EDGE

Costly Gift

A Rolex watch is one of the finest timepieces made. Many people would jump at the opportunity to own one. When my friends travelled abroad they thought it would be fun to pick up a few of them to give to their children as souvenirs.

Souvenirs? Yes. You see, these watches were “knockoffs,” imitations of the real thing. They are popular and easily passed off to tourists at ridiculously cheap prices. As imitations they have a slight difference from the ones that you would buy at a fine jewellery store. On these imitations the name of the watch was spelt 'Rolexx'.

Few things of value are inexpensive. Fewer are still free. But salvation, the most important gift of all, is free. Unlike the imitation Rolex, salvation is of infinite value. Yet it is free because Jesus paid it all. No one can earn salvation. It is a gift from God. We need only believe and receive the gift of eternal life that God offers. Our salvation was infinitely costly to God, but is absolutely free to us.

It's a paradoxical truth that while salvation is free, its cost was great. Oswald Chambers wrote. “Forgiveness, which is so easy for us to accept, cost the agony at Calvary.”

Anyone who teaches something else, is simply pushing a “knockoff”, an imitation of the real thing.

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Romans 3:21-25 *²¹But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²²We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.*

²³For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past. (NLT)

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