

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...



Kingdom Principles 161

When Jesus said “**It is finished**” on the cross, Jesus accomplished, everything necessary for us only to receive all that He gave. What exactly did He give us?

That statement is powerful—and we are very close to the heart of the gospel.

When Jesus Christ said “*It is finished*” (John 19:30), He wasn’t saying *His life was over*—He was declaring that **the work required to restore humanity to God was fully completed**. Nothing left to add. Nothing left to earn.

So, what exactly did He give us?

1. Complete Forgiveness (Not Partial, Not Probationary)

“Father, forgive them...” — Luke 23:34

He gave **total forgiveness for sin—past, present, and future**.

Not a system where you keep earning forgiveness...
but a finished reality you step into.

- No more debt ledger
- No more “try harder to be accepted”
- Sin no longer defines your standing before God

2. Right Standing with God (Righteousness as a Gift)

“The righteousness of God... is given through faith” — Romans 3:22

You were given **righteousness**, not as something you build—but something you **receive**.

That means:

- You are not working *toward* acceptance
- You are living *from* acceptance

This aligns exactly with your 5/20 message:

We don’t perform to become—we receive and then express.

3. Union with God (Not Separation)

“Christ in you, the hope of glory” — Colossians 1:27

He gave you **union**, not distance.

- Not “try to get close to God”
- But **God has come close—and now dwells within**

This is why your statement resonates deeply:
Holy Spirit doesn’t visit—He dwells.

4. A New Identity (Born Again, Not Repaired)

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

You weren’t improved...
You were **made new**.

- Not sinner trying to behave
- But **son/daughter living from identity**

This is the foundation of *receiving vs achieving*.

5. Freedom from Fear, Guilt, and Shame

“There is now no condemnation...” — Romans 8:1

He gave freedom from the internal voices that say:

- “You’re not enough”
- “You messed up too much”
- “You have to earn your way back”

Those voices didn’t die easily—but **their authority did**.

6. Direct Access to God (No Middle System Required)

“The curtain... was torn in two” — Matthew 27:51

Through His finished work:

- No barrier remains
- No hierarchy required
- No “qualified elite” needed

You have **direct access**—anytime.

7. The Life of God Within You (Power to Live Naturally Supernatural)

“I have come that they may have life... abundantly” — John 10:10

He didn't just forgive you—
He **filled you**.

This is where your 5/20 Project becomes alive:

- You're not trying to *do something for God*
- You're **releasing what He already placed in you**

Love. Compassion. Generosity.
Not manufactured—**imparted**.

8. The Ministry of Reconciliation (You Become the Carrier)

“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors” — 2 Corinthians 5:20

This is huge.

He didn't just give you something *for you*—
He gave you something **through you**.

You now carry:

- The message → “*Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you.*”
- The expression → real-time compassion
- The authority → to represent the Kingdom

Bringing It Into One Clear Reality

“It is finished” means:

Everything required for you to be:

- forgiven
- accepted
- connected
- empowered
- and sent

...has already been done.

So now life isn't:

“Try to become...”

It's: **“Receive... and respond.”**

A Simple Way to Say It (5/20 Language)

When Jesus said “*It is finished*”, He handed you:

**A full account... already filled...
so you can live by giving away what you didn’t earn.**

That’s the Kingdom exchange.

If you want, I can turn this into:

- a **30-minute teaching outline**
- a **one-page printable for influencers**
- or a **2-minute bridge message** that leads someone from a \$20 moment into encountering Jesus in real time**

This teaching of receiving ultimate Grace without works seems to threaten traditional theology. Why?

You’re sensing a real tension that has been present in the church for centuries. The idea that **everything is received, not achieved** can feel threatening—not because it’s wrong, but because it *shifts where control, assurance, and identity come from*.

Here’s why it can feel disruptive to more traditional theological frameworks:

1. It Sounds Like It Removes the Role of Works

The concern is usually:

“If everything is already given... what motivates obedience?”

Passages like:

- James 2 (“faith without works is dead”)
- Teachings of Jesus Christ about fruit, obedience, and discipleship

...are often interpreted to mean **works validate or complete faith**.

So when you emphasize:

“Nothing to earn—only to receive”

Some hear:

“Works don’t matter anymore”

But the tension resolves here:

- Traditional concern: *Works prove faith*
- Your emphasis: *Works flow from identity*

Not opposed—just **different starting points**.

2. It Challenges Systems Built Around Effort

Many church structures—intentionally or not—have been shaped around:

- Behavior management
- Spiritual disciplines as performance
- Measuring maturity by visible effort

So when you say:

“You already have everything in Christ”

It removes the leverage of:

- “Do more to become more”
- “Try harder to get closer”

That can feel destabilizing because:

- Systems are easier to manage than **Spirit-led relationship**

3. Fear of “Cheap Grace”

This is one of the biggest concerns (often associated with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who warned about “cheap grace”).

The fear:

If grace is fully given and received freely, people might live however they want.

So, theology sometimes builds in **guardrails of effort** to prevent abuse.

But here’s the deeper reality:

- Grace that is *only conceptual* can be abused
- Grace that is *encountered* transforms desire

Your 5/20 language actually addresses this:

Real love experienced → real love expressed

4. It Shifts Authority from External to Internal

Traditional models often emphasize:

- External teaching
- Authority structures
- Prescribed pathways

But your framework emphasizes:

- Holy Spirit within
- Real-time leading
- Personal responsiveness

That can raise concern like:

“What if people mishear? What if they go off track?”

And to be fair—that’s a valid concern.

But the counterpoint is:

Relationship always carries risk—but also authenticity.

5. It Redefines Repentance and Growth

In many traditional views:

- Repentance = turning from sin through effort
- Growth = gradual improvement through discipline

In a receiving-based framework:

- Repentance = **returning to truth of identity**
- Growth = **awakening to what’s already been given**

That feels threatening because it:

- Moves from *behavior-first* → to *identity-first*

6. It Removes Fear as a Motivator

Some systems (again, often unintentionally) rely on:

- Fear of judgment
- Fear of missing God
- Fear of not being enough

But if:

“It is finished”

Then fear loses its fuel.

And without fear, the question becomes:

“What now motivates people?”

Your answer:

Love. Identity. Union. Leading of Spirit.

But that requires trust—**not control**.

7. It Sounds Like It Minimizes the Cross (Even Though It Doesn't)

Ironically, emphasizing full grace can sound like:

“Sin didn't matter that much”

When in reality, you're saying:

“The cross worked completely.”

The difference is subtle but massive:

- One says sin is ignored
- The other says **sin was fully dealt with**

Bringing It All Together

This tension really comes down to **two starting points**:

Traditional Emphasis (often)

Become → then receive

Your Emphasis (what you're expressing)

Receive → then become

A Clear Way to Say It

This might help bridge the gap:

Grace is not opposed to effort...
It's opposed to earning.

That keeps:

- Transformation
- Obedience
- Growth

...but removes:

- Fear
- Performance
- Self-effort as the source

Final Thought

This teaching doesn't actually threaten true theology—it **threatens mixtures**:

- Grace + performance
- Identity + striving
- Relationship + control

And those mixtures have been around a long time.