



*Easter's Gift
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What happened was this: People knew God perfectly well, but when they didn't treat him like God, refusing to worship him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion so that there was neither sense nor



direction left in their lives. They pretended to know it all, but were illiterate regarding life. They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in his hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand.

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So God said, in effect, "If that's what you want, that's what you get." It wasn't long before they were living in a pigpen, smeared with filth, filthy inside and out. And all this because they traded

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*the true God for a fake god, and
worshiped the god they made
instead of the God who made
them ...”*

Romans 1 (MSG)



*The thief comes only to steal and
kill and destroy; I have come that
they may have life, and have it to
the full.*

John 10:10 (NIV)



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; the old has
gone, the new has come!*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV84)

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*But because of his great love for
us, God, who is rich in mercy,
made us alive with Christ even
when we were dead in
transgressions—*

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV84)



“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”

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*Or don't you know that all of us
who were baptized into Christ
Jesus were baptized into his
death? We were therefore buried
with him through baptism into
death in order that, just as*

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*Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a new life.*

Romans 6:1-4 (NIV84)

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A painting depicting Jesus with a group of children in a rural landscape. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, sits on a rock in the center. He is surrounded by about a dozen children of various ages, some sitting on the grass, some on rocks, and one being held by him. The children are dressed in simple, everyday clothing. The background shows a large tree on the left, rolling hills, and a body of water in the distance under a soft, hazy sky. The overall mood is peaceful and intimate.

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'

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