

Something to Think About

Earned or Given?

A statement that I saw on the side of a transfer truck the other day struck me because it shows how the world looks at things. The words were: **EARNED. NEVER GIVEN.** Our Lord and Father handles things differently, for which I am more grateful every day. God's way is: **GIVEN. NEVER EARNED.** We are given life. We are given fresh air and sunshine and water and a beautiful world to live in. We are given salvation and forgiveness.

We cannot earn any of these things. We can never be good enough to earn God's mercy or His love, but He has provided a way for us to receive both. If we repent of our sins and accept Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died on the cross for us, as our Lord and Savior; then we are GIVEN forgiveness, justified and made clean, and promised eternal life. **NEVER EARNED. ONLY GIVEN.**

Thank You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all Your gifts.

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