

## A GIFT WITHOUT PAYMENT

**Gift** (**dorean** from **dorea** = a gift, something bestowed freely without price or compensation, as in [Jn 4:10](#); [Ac 2:38](#); [2 Cor. 9:15](#). God is always Giver of **dorea**) conveys the basic meaning of "for nothing". It pertains to being freely given, given without charge or without payment. Given as a free gift or gratis. Undeserved.

**Dorean** emphasizes the free character of the gift, given spontaneously and without reference to human merit.

In [Romans 3:24](#), the prominent thought is the grace of the Giver.

In some contexts, **dorean** conveys the idea of **needlessly** as in [Gal 2:21](#).

*"I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died **needlessly** (or "for nothing", "not without impact")."*

In other contexts, dorean means **without a cause or reason** (similar use in [Gen. 29:15](#)) or **undeservedly**, as when Jesus explained...

*"But they have done this (they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well) in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their Law, 'THEY HATED ME **WITHOUT A CAUSE.**' ([John 15:25](#))"*

**Webster** says that a **gift** is something voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation.

**Dorean** is found 8 times in the New American Standard

[Matthew 10:8](#) *"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; **freely** you received, **freely** give."*

[John 15:25](#) *"But they have done this in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their Law, 'They hated Me **without a cause.**'"* [Ps 35:19](#), [69:4](#), [109:3](#), [119:161](#), [Job 1:9](#) *"for no reason"*

[Romans 3:24](#) (note) *being justified **as a gift** by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;*

[2 Corinthians 11:7](#) *Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you **without charge**?*

[Galatians 2:21](#) *"I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died **needlessly** (in vain, done without due result, without or for no purpose, [1Kings 2:31](#) "without cause")."*

**Comment:** Don't miss what Paul is stating in this verse - His point is that if righteousness can be obtained by sinful men by keeping the law, then Christ's death on the Cross was of no purpose and did not need to occur.

[2 Thess. 3:8](#) *"nor did we eat anyone's bread **without paying** for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you;"*

[Rev 21:6](#) (note) *And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life **without cost.**"*

[Rev 22:17](#) (note) *And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life **without cost.**"*