

Imagine you applied for a job, and the boss said "We have a good factory here, with easy work, and if you do well you will receive a very high pay rate, but if you make a mistake you will be shot! So you have two options : high pay for good work and death for bad work."

Reluctantly you sign on, thinking that you will never make a mistake, but you last only an hour before you drop one of the tools. Immediately some guards march up to you and drag you away to a firing squad.

The boss is standing there, and he looks with pity on you.

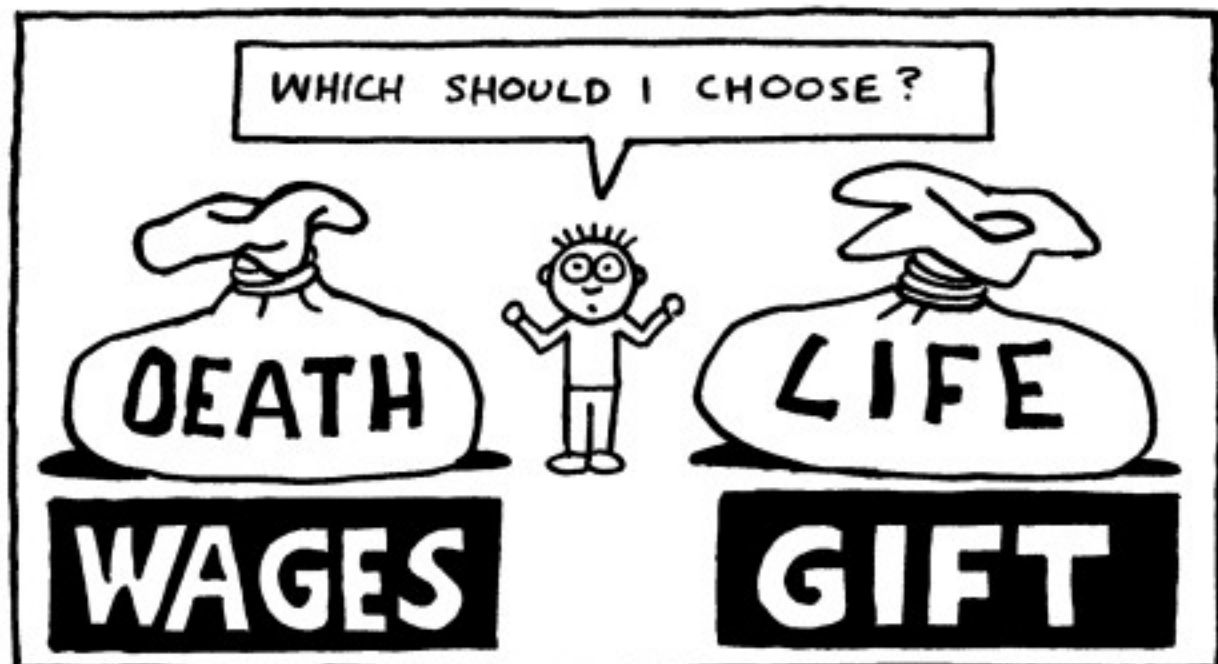
"For your mistake you must receive death as your wage" he says, "Because it is in the contract, but there is a way out. If someone else dies for you, I can give you the other wage."

"But who would even want to take death for me?" you gasp, "If someone is willing to do this I gladly accept, but who would do such a thing?"

"I will" says the boss, and he stands beside you against the wall. You stare in amazement as the bullets punch holes in his body and he slumps to the ground.

"Why did he do that for me?" you ask.

"Because he loved you." replies a voice.



The Bible says "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 (New International Version)