

## INTRODUCTION

1. What is unique to the Christian faith? C.S.Lewis - "grace." "thegraceguy" [<http://www.graceguy.org/blog-posts/whats-so-unique-about-christianity-cs-lewis-answers>] R8:31-32. The Giver: the Father. The Gift: His Own Son.
2. v32 = "a fortiori argument": Latin: 'w/ even stronger reason': If this is true [v32a] then that [v32b] must certainly [a fortiori] be true.

3rd: The Giving - v32a

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> & foundational proposition - a fortiori, v32b-39 must certainly be true.
2. *He did not spare* - Isa 53:10a; Mt 26:39. A legit interp of "He descended into hell". The *guilt offering* - for us *to whom stroke was due* [Isa 53:8].
3. *but delivered Him up*: hand over to be punished. Not Judas, Pilate, Sanhedrin, but the Father - superintending *power of darkness* [Lk 22:53]
  - i. Devil used authorities of men but God raised Jesus - defeated Satan.
  - ii. Condemned in men's courts, Jesus died in relation to God's court as the Lamb. His body was the temple in wh/ sacrifice was made. The cross is the essential act & foundational basis of NCov worship.
  - iii. God *delivered up His Son*: propitiating sacrifice: Rm 4:25; 8:3; 2C 5:21. Father *delivered His own Son* to be our Passover Lamb who *bore our sin in His body on the cross* (1 Pt 2:24).
  - iv. He *delivered Him up* to demonically energized human authorities & defeated them by raising Jesus from the dead & enthroning Him. Col 2:15; 1C2:8
4. We look at the cross & see that *God is for us!* *He did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him us for us all* & we are justified by faith in Him.
5. Is this true? Is *God is for us?* Well, a fortiori - then every blessing & benefit of Jesus' death & resurrection is freely given to us.