**What Jesus wants to give us.**

I understand why a lot of people don’t  like the whole idea of following Jesus, trusting in Him and giving their life to him.
As my good friend says, “the waters have been muddied”. Many have rejected him but they have not heard the truth about Jesus.

Many have heard half truths, distortions or just plain lies about Jesus and what he is interested in doing in our lives. Some have had bad experiences with a church, heard a weird preacher or had over bearing religious parents who taught their opinions as the ‘law’ of God.

Some have had life experiences that make them question the existence of God/Jesus, or at least a loving God. More often than not, they have just never had a good conversation with someone that could help them see beyond their bad experience.

Some realize that to choose Jesus is to acknowledge that their life style is unacceptable to God and to chose Jesus means giving up their life style. If the two collide, some will choose their own lifestyle.

But most who have rejected Jesus have never made a serious investigation of Jesus for themselves.

If someone will seriously read any of the four short books written about him in the New Testament writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John they will not  miss something very important.  He is NOT interested in making us into religious weirdo’s.

Now there are plenty of them around. Those who teach that, have totally missed the point. They think God is interested in making us into people all wrapped up in religious buildings, programs, titles, ceremonies, traditions, rituals, events, services, customs, dress, language, etc.

Jesus doesn’t call his followers to a weird religious kind of life but what is a ‘normal, healthy and maturing life which he modeled for us.

I have been reading the New Testament for many decades now. What I read that there is that Jesus is most interested in is bringing us into his family. He then helps us mature and grow into healthy people; people who love Him and love others. And part of the process of doing that is that he wants to give us and bless us with lots of things that will help us in that growth and maturity. He calls it the ABUNDANT LIFE. John 10:10

I doubt I have everything on this list, but it is a good start.
You can find all these and more as you read the New Testament in the Bible.
Jesus wants to:
Give us rest
Give us peace
Give us love
Give us life
Give us hope
Give us purpose
Give us meaning
Give us family
Give us acceptance
Give us freedom
Give us joy and happiness
Give us wisdom
Give us direction for life
Give us a healthy outlook or perspective on life

Give us a new mind, or way of thinking

Give us a new heart

Give us eternal life with him
Give us direction
Give us belonging
Give us value
Give us worth
Give us forgiveness
Give us a second chance
Give us a new beginning
Give us power to face whatever comes
Give us character
Give us integrity
Give us strength in the midst of suffering
Give us understanding
Give us his faithfulness
Give us his loyalty

All this comes through his giving us himself.

It becomes OURS when we give our self to him.
It is an amazing story.

He came, lived, modeled, suffered, died and was raised from the dead so we can be;
Loving
Kind
Caring
Forgiving
Patient
Supportive
Understanding
Valuing
Encouraging
Long suffering
Gentle

AND BE WITH HIM NOW AND FOREVER.