

“GO, and TELL!!”

Part 6: “The CROSS ...”



John 3:16-21; Isaiah 53:4-6; Luke 24:44-47;
II Corinthians 5:16-21; Romans 5:6-9,
8:1-4,31-39; I Peter 1:17-19

Introduction: The entire Bible is God’s revelation of Himself, of mankind, of His coming judgment and of the one way of salvation through Jesus Christ!

In the Gospel “salvation” = “no condemnation.”

Galatians 1:6-10: “If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed” (vs. 10).

Luke 24:44-47: “... and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations ...” (vs. 47).

Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the only means of salvation from God’s wrath and judgment against sinners!

Acts 4:11-12: “... and there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved !!”

I. Jesus became the substitute for sinners ...

Isaiah 53:4-6: “He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities ...” (vs. 5).

The sacrifices and offerings God commanded the Israelites to bring all pointed to the One who would become the substitute for all who would believe in Him.

God demands perfection, and we are not perfect or righteous.

II Corinthians 5:21: “For our sake God made Him to be sin, who knew no sin, so that IN HIM WE might become the righteousness of God.”

Jesus “became sin,” enduring the wrath of the Father as a substitute for everyone who believes God’s promises of a Savior.

John 10:7-11: “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep !” (vs. 11).

The “good news:” The eternal Son of God became man in order to be our substitute, to take our place and to bear God’s wrath and judgment against OUR sins!!!

II. Jesus paid the debt for sinners ...

“Atonement” = “payment of debt for a wrong done.”

Hebrews 9:22: “... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” (See also Leviticus 17:11)

Hebrews 10:11-14: “For by a single offering HE has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified” (vs. 14).

I Peter 1:17-19: “... you were ransomed ... with the precious blood of Christ ...” (vss. 18-19).

Galatians 3:10-14: “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse FOR US ...” (vs. 13).

Romans 5:6-9: “God shows His love for US in that while we were still sinners Christ died for US” (vs. 8; see also John 3:16).

God GAVE His only Son as a sin - offering to pay OUR debt!

III. Jesus removed the condemnation from sinners ...

Romans 3:10, 6:23: “ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ... The wages of sin is death !” (See James 2:10)

Romans 8:1: “There is therefore NO CONDEMNATION for those who are in Christ Jesus!!”

SALVATION !! Deliverance from the just consequences of sin for all who believe in Jesus!

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John 3:18: “Whoever believes in Him is NOT condemned !”