

The Message of the Crucifixion

Introduction

- A. The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ was one of the greatest events of all time. It is overwhelming to realize that God died in our place.
- B. The death of Jesus Christ on the Cross is a part of God's special revelation. It is important that we understand and live in harmony with His sacrifice. Failure to do so will bring severe consequences.

I. Jesus Christ died on the Cross as our Substitute, Isaiah 53:5,6.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Observation: Since His death stands between the Christian and the wrath of God – the Christian should be forever grateful and continually thank Him for His mercy and forgiveness.

II. The Death of Jesus Christ revealed and proved the Lord of God, Romans 5:8.

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Observation: In spite of this great historical proof of His love – many do not believe that God loves them. Love can only be received.

III. The Lord Jesus Christ died to reconcile us to God, Romans 5:10.

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled we shall be saved by His life.

Observation: This reconciliation is a fact for all believers.

IV. The Death of Jesus Christ is the source of righteousness, Romans 8:3,4.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit.

Observation: Perfect righteousness before God is the gift of grace. All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord have that gift!

V. Through the Death of Jesus Christ the Believer has been given all things, Rom. 8:32,

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Observation: It is sin that has estranged us from God and His grace. Jesus Christ died to remove this estrangement. When we have received this provision we then have all the rights and privileges of divine Sonship.

VI. The Death of Jesus Christ motivates the Christian to dedication, II Cor. 5:14,15.

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

Observation: The Death of Jesus Christ is the basis for all Christian motivation and dedication. Before His supreme sacrifice any surrender and act becomes insignificant.

VII. The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ has delivered the Christian from the world, Galatians 6:14.

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Observation: The Christian who engages in the culture of the world in a sinful way – is living out of harmony with the death of Jesus Christ.

VIII. Jesus Christ died to deliver His people from bondage, Hebrews 2:14,15.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Observation: The bondage of fear and death need no longer have a place in the life of the Christian. The believer can have peace and assurance in the place of fear.

IX. The Death of Jesus Christ made it possible for the Christian to have access to God – to be able to pray, Hebrews 10:19,20.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.

Observation: If Jesus Christ died to make prayer and fellowship with God possible – and we do not pray

Conclusion: We may not live as though Jesus Christ did not die.

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