

Fundamental Truths We Can Learn From Jesus Christ's Crucifixion

Jesus Christ died to free us from the penalty of our sin.

Jesus Christ has also been raised back to life for us and may, if we seek to obey Him, live His life again in us through the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit, [Acts 5:32; John 14:17].

God hates sin and the crucifixion of Jesus Christ shows us how ugly sin is and how severe a penalty it deserves, [**Romans 6:23**].

Sin is the vilest, ugliest thing in the whole universe and all humans have sinned, [**Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8**].

We all deserve the wrath of God because of what we have done to His only Son Jesus Christ, [**John 1:1-3, 14**], we deserve the punishment that Jesus Christ accepted in our place.

The crucifixion shows us how much God the Father and Jesus Christ loves all humanity, [John 3:16-17].

The fact that Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, was willing to suffer and die for us shows that He loves us with a passion that exceeds and overcomes His hatred of sin.

Jesus was willing to pay the full price for all human sin, He was willing to pay our penalty so that He might conquer sin and release its grip on us.

God wants to give every human being the best gift we could possibly imagine, eternal life with our perfectly loving and perfectly powerful Holy God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

John 17:3 [New King James] *“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”*

The Greek word translated “know” is “ginōskō” an intimate relationship, used in **Luke 1:34** to describe the intimate relationship between husband and wife.

2 Peter 3:9 [New King James] *“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”*

God desires we all repent of sin, past and present, and seek to develop the “fruits” of the Holy Spirit [**Galatians 5:22-25**] that will create in us the very character of God, His “likeness” [**Genesis 1:26-27**] **not** created at our birth but developed over a period of time in our walk with Him in our life.

Only then can a Holy God allow us to have this eternal relationship with Him.

All this process can only start when we accept the death of Jesus Christ in our stead and offer our life to Him to be re-educated.

Romans 12:1-2 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

These two verses sum up the change that must take place in our lives.

Romans 6:1-8 [New King James] *“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,”*

We have to crucify our old life of sin and ask that the righteousness of Jesus Christ will be credited to us, as a result of our total faith in Him and His sacrifice, [Romans 4:13, 16, 18-24].

Only then can we receive eternal life as a gift from God, [**Romans 6:23**].

Please study all the scriptures mentioned in this article, meditate on them and humbly respond to them, in true repentance before our Creator God.