



WHY JESUS SACRIFICED.

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LIFE'S 5 BIGGEST QUESTIONS

1. What you need.

Romans 3:23—*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Ephesians 2:1-7—*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 6:1-4—*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

2. What he did.

Romans 5:8—*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

John 15:13—*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

Ezekiel 18:20 (NIV84)—*The soul who sins is the one who will die.*

Hebrews 7:27—*Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins.*

Hebrews 10:4—*It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

Hebrews 10:11-14—*Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

3. What it means.

Romans 6:23—For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 1:9—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:17—Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old is gone the new is come.

2 Corinthians 5:21—God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

4. Why it matters.

Romans 8:1—Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:1-2—Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand...

Galatians 2:16—...know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Acts 13:39—Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

5. How you receive.

Romans 10:9—That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Ephesians 2:8-9—For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

1 John 5:11-12—And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 3:16—For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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STUDY GUIDE: 3/24/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is saving faith? Define faith. How would you explain Ephesians 2:8-9 to someone seeking Christ and trying to understand saving faith?
2. What is the “Romans Road”? What verses comprise it in your mind? (Hint: See Rob’s message notes.) How can you use these 5 verses to share the Good News with spiritual seekers? Discuss and demonstrate with your group.
3. Read Hebrews 10:1-14. What does this passage say about Jesus the High Priest and Him being our perfect sacrifice? See also Hebrews 7:27.
4. Share your personal testimony with your group. Have everyone in your group who is willing share their “faith story” on how they came to Christ.
5. Write out your testimony and be prepared to share with someone this week. Use this outline:
 - > My life before Christ
 - > How I found Christ
 - > My life after Christ
6. What one word best describes your life since becoming a Christian? For some it is peace, joy, confidence, assurance, hope, etc. What is yours and why?