

WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

Lesson 6 - Part 1

THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

Why the death of Jesus Christ is important

1. Write six works of Jesus Christ which show that He is God.

- the world.
- the world
- sin.
- dead.
- the living and the dead.
- Jesus Christ gives eternal life.

2. We learned these six works of Jesus Christ which show that He is God:

- Jesus Christ created the world.
- Jesus Christ holds the world together.
- Jesus Christ forgives sin.
- Jesus Christ raises the dead.
- Jesus Christ judges the living and the dead.
- Jesus Christ gives eternal life.

In this lesson we want to study about the death of Christ. First, we will look at four reasons why it is important. These reasons are:

- God is holy.
- People are sinful.
- Sinful people can come to an holy God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- The Word of God must be fulfilled.

What does it mean, "God is holy?"

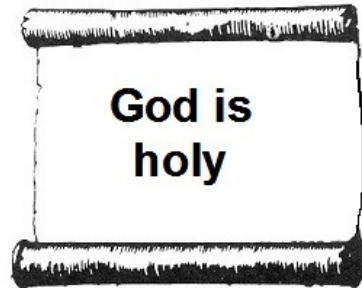
3. To say God is holy means that He is pure and has no sin. **Read** these verses and **write** down what each verse says about God.

Leviticus 19:1,2

Isaiah 6:3

1 Peter 1:16

1 John 1:5



4. The first three verses say that God is holy.

1 John 1:5 says,

"God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."

People have sinned. How can sinful people come to an holy God?



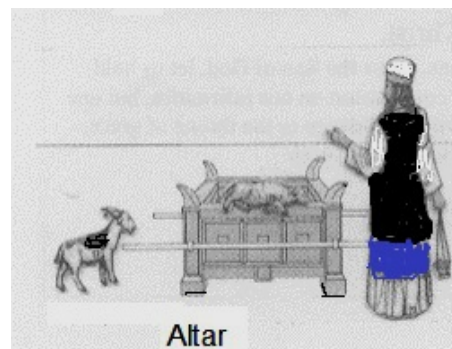
Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

How many people have sinned?

5. All have sinned. In Old Testament times people sinned too. Yet Abraham is called the Friend of God. God was pleased with David. Enoch walked with God.

How could God be pleased with these people? When people in Old Testament times sinned, they had to make a sacrifice.



What did these people sacrifice?

Genesis 3:21

Genesis 4:4

Genesis 22:13

Exodus 12:1-10, 26,27

6. When Adam and Eve sinned, God killed animals and made coats for them. The animals died for Adam and Eve. Abel offered an animal from his flock and God was pleased. Abraham found a ram and God said he could offer it in place of Isaac. In Egypt the people of Israel offered lambs. When the death angel came at night, He passed over the houses which had blood on the door posts. The lamb died instead of the first born in a family.

God accepted these sacrifices as a covering for sin, but they could not take away sin. That is how people could come to God in Old Testament times.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Who is the Lamb of God?

What does the Lamb of God do?

7. Jesus is the Lamb of God. He takes away sin.

Hebrews 9:27,28

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

How could Jesus Christ take away the sin of the world?

8. Jesus Christ died as the sacrifice for sin. That is why people can come to God now. All the sin which had been covered before was now forgiven.

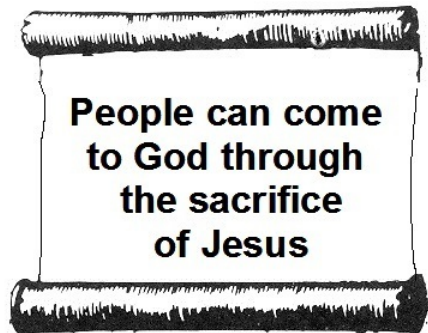
God is holy and people are sinful.

Hebrews 10:4,14

Because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. . . . Because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

How can sinful people come to a holy God?

9. They can come because Jesus Christ gave Himself as the sacrifice for sin. The death of Jesus Christ did not “just happen.” God told people in the Old Testament about it.



What did God say to the prophets in the Old Testament about the sufferings and death of Christ?

Psalm 22:6

Psalm 22:7

Isaiah 53:3

Isaiah 53:4

Isaiah 53:5

Isaiah 53:9

10. Psalm 22:6 He would be despised of people.
Psalm 22:7 They mocked Him.
Isaiah 53:3 They despised and rejected Him.
Isaiah 53:4 He carried our sorrows.
Isaiah 53:5 He was pierced (wounded) for our transgressions.
Isaiah 53:9 He was buried with the rich. He died even though He did no wrong.

If God's word is true, these things had to happen. The Old Testament

spoke of the suffering and death of Christ. Christ came to this world, lived in this world, and died as the sacrifice for sin.

In what way were the Old Testament sayings fulfilled?

11. Jesus Christ died as the sacrifice for sin.

The Old Testament talked about it. Jesus Christ also talked about His death long before He died.

What do we learn from these verses?

Matthew 16:21

Matthew 17:22,23

Matthew 20:18,19

Mark 8:31

12. Jesus knew He was going to die. He told His disciples about it. He came into this world to die. It was planned in heaven before Jesus Christ was born on earth.

John 12:24,27

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. . . .

“Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.”

Why did Jesus Christ come into the world?

13. Jesus Christ came to die as a kernel of wheat dies when it is planted. Jesus died to bear much fruit.

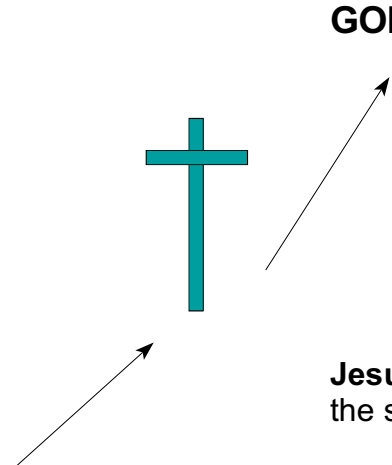
Who is holy?

Who is sinful?

How can sinful people come to a holy God?

In the Old Testament, who talked about Jesus' death?

In the New Testament, who talked about Jesus' death?



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God is holy. There is no sin in Him.

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."
Isaiah 6:3

Jesus is the Mediator - because He died for the sins of all people

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men. 1 Timothy 2:5

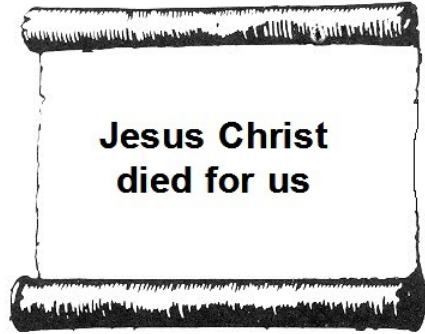
People have sinned. They cannot come to the holy God as they are. Their sins need to be forgiven. When a person admits, confesses his sin, and asks Jesus to forgive him, Jesus will do that. Then the person can come to the holy God through Jesus Christ.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens,[a] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

14. God is holy and people are sinful. They can come to God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The Prophets and Jesus talked about His death. If Jesus Christ did not die and rise again, we could not go to heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:2-4

By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.



What is important to our faith?

15. It is important to our faith that Christ died. Otherwise our hope would be in vain.

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16. **Memorize** 1 Peter 1:18,19 this week.

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For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold

that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

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