

WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

Lesson 6 - Part 4

THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

The death of Jesus Christ is a reconciliation

1. Let us review the things we have learned these last three lessons.

Who is holy?

Who is sinful?

How can sinful people come to God?

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

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

How is Jesus Christ a substitute for us?

How did Jesus Christ propitiate (appease) God's wrath?

Who gave His life as a ransom for many?

From what did Jesus Christ redeem us?

- from the _____ of the law
- from all _____
- from our empty _____
- from the fear _____

- from the power

To whom do we belong?

Why?

2. God is holy and we are sinful. People can come to God through the sacrifice of Jesus. The Prophets and Jesus talked about His death. Jesus Christ died for us. He propitiated God's wrath by His atoning sacrifice.

Jesus Christ gave His life as a ransom for many.

Jesus Christ redeemed us:

- from the curse of the law
- from all wickedness
- from our empty way of life
- from the fear of death
- from the power of Satan

We belong to Jesus Christ because He bought us with a price, His precious blood.

In this lesson we want to see:

- that the death of Christ is a reconciliation
- that because of His death we are made right with God, have new life, and have peace with God
- that only those who receive Christ have peace with God

Let us review some of the bigger words we have used this week. We need to know their meanings to get a complete picture of what we are learning.

What do these words mean?

- substitute
- propitiate
- appease
- redeem
- redemption

- ransom

3. A substitute is someone or something instead of another. Christ is our substitute. His death is a substitution for our death. To propitiate means to appease, calm, or satisfy someone who is angry. To redeem means to pay a debt. It also means to set free. Redemption is the setting free of someone. Ransom is the price paid to set someone free.



Now let us learn the word "reconciliation." It comes from the word "reconcile." To reconcile means to make enemies friends. It means to settle differences or to change attitudes.

What do we call it when two people had a quarrel and they settled it?

4. We say they are reconciled to each other. While they quarrelled, there was no peace between them. When they settled the argument, they again had a good attitude toward each other.



Read Romans 5:6-11.

Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates (shows) his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Paul tells us something about the way people are. He says people without Christ are powerless, ungodly, and sinners. We would say that they could not make peace with God while they are this bad.

Romans 3:10

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one."

How many people are righteous?

5. Not one person is righteous or right with God. All have sinned. Romans 5:10 says we were enemies of God. God was not our enemy, but we were enemies of God.

Romans 5:9-11

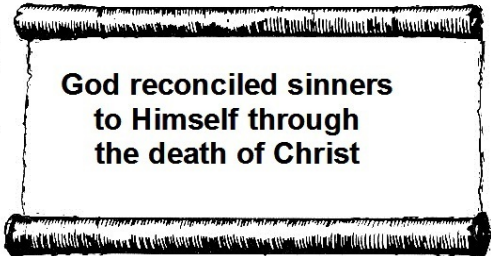
Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

What did Christ do for us while we were sinners?

6. Christ reconciled us to God. Christ made us friends with God. He paid a big price for this.

How did Christ reconcile us to God?

7. Jesus Christ reconciled us to God through His death. **Read** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.



2 Corinthians 5:18

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Through whom did God reconcile us to Himself?

8. God reconciled us to Himself through Christ. When Christ died, He appeased God. Now God can forgive sinners through Christ.

Romans 5:19

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

It says that God reconciled the world to Himself through Christ. He does not hold man's sin against him. Christ died for all people - everyone who has ever lived, is living, or will live.

For how many people did Christ die?

9. Christ died for all people. Yet we see many people who are not at peace with God. Why is this? Those who do not have peace with God have not accepted this “reconciliation.”

2 Peter 3:9

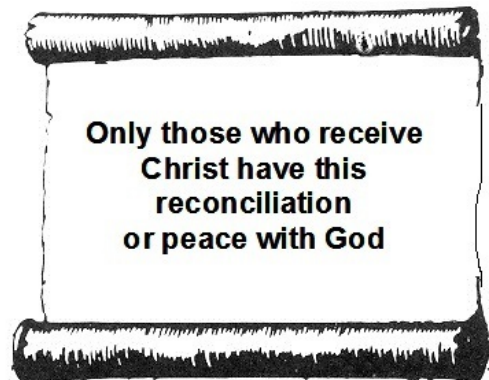
The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

What does God not want people to do?

10. God does not want people to perish or to be lost. He wants everyone to have peace with Him. He wants all people to be reconciled to Himself.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20.

Paul says “we implore” - he asks, or he begs people to be reconciled to God. Only those who accept this reconciliation have peace with God. God has provided reconciliation for all people. But only those who receive Christ have peace with God.



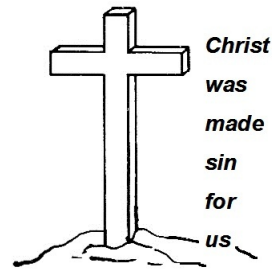
2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

How can we get God's righteousness?

11. God made Christ to be sin for us so we can have God's righteousness.

<p>CHRIST became SIN now: SINNERS are made RIGHT with GOD</p>
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Romans 5:9

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

This says we have been justified. That is, we have been made right with God. So, what do we have? Because God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, we can have many good things.

What is one good thing that we have?

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- new life
- peace with God

12. We can have God's righteousness. Let us look at another good thing we have.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

What kind of life do we now have?

13. We have a new life in Christ. The old way of life is gone.

So, what do we have?

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- peace with God

14. We have a new life and we have God's righteousness.

Colossians 1:20

And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

What else do we have?

15. We also have peace with God. What great things we have! Let us share it with others! The relationship of redemption, propitiation, and reconciliation, therefore becomes clear. Christ by His death redeemed or paid a price for sin. This payment constituted a propitiation or satisfaction of God's righteousness. This freed the love of God to act in grace toward the sinner in reconciling the sinner to Himself on the basis that Christ has died in his place. (John F. Walvoord, Jesus Christ our Lord, p. 183)

16. For how many people did Christ die?

How did God reconcile us to Himself?

Because God reconciled us to Himself through Christ:

- we have
- we have
- we have

Who only receives peace with God?

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