

Jesus Loves Us and Died for Us

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Our Legacy: (Each statement we make with a smile.)

God speaks today – Jeremiah 3:33

Scriptures are God Breathed – 2Timothy 3:16

Jesus loves us and died for us – 2Corinthians 5:21

Faith is hearing God then obeying – Hebrews 11:8

Holy Spirit is God in the man – 1Corinthians 3:16

Freedom, The Little Red Wagon – Galatians 5:1

Male leadership exalts the woman – Ephesians 5:25

Holy Fire Tools are Gifts of the Spirit – 1Corinthians 1:8

Embracing these truths will enable us to dismantle, neuter, and defeat anything Satan throws at us. These messages redirect the conversation to Jesus who holds the answer to all questions of mankind.

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2Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

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

This is really #1 of our Legacy. This is the foundational block of Christianity. This verse succinctly identifies the purpose of Christianity. When addressing any moral or religious controversy, this should be the #1 truth to be established before any further meaningful discussion can take place. Any other belief system that has a different foundation, will lead to endless foolish opinions, and will open the door for Satan's influence. Embracing 2Corinthians 5:21 will keep believers form falling into error and many hurtful practices.

Jesus took our sin and gave us God's righteousness. In God's eyes our sin is gone, and HE sees us as righteous as HIMSELF. We have absolutely nothing to add to God's completed work. Through the Holy Spirit, we "grow" to behave according to the righteousness we have already been given.

1Corinthians 1:30 (NIV)

It is because of God that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us , our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

Jesus is our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

We do not earn righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

We are righteous, sanctified, and redeemed. The NIV uses "holiness" instead of "sanctified" which is fine, but the word is literally "sanctified" which means "set apart" for God.

"Sanctification" is the state predetermined by God for believers, into which by grace He calls us, and by which we "begin" our Christian course and pursue it. **We do not earn "sanctification" we are sanctified.** This is important because many Christians believe we must continue to be sanctified which is error that always leads to legalism meaning we focus on the rules which quenches the Holy Spirit. Thus, anyone who says, "We need to be sanctified is bound in legalism and very soon will be preaching legalism to us." Of course, we grow through the Holy Spirit, but do not get the cart before the horse. **The truth of 2Corinthians 5:21 and 1Corthians 1:30 are instrumental in protecting us from error and falling into endless harmful controversies.**

Jesus is the culmination of the Love of God.

Heb.9:26 (NIV)

But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages
to do away with sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF.

The truth that through Jesus Christ, God takes our sin and makes us as righteous as HIMSELF is foretold in the OT.

Psalms 103:10-12 (NIV) NO/OH

¹⁰God does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

One of the clearest explanations of our salvation through Jesus is in Isaiah 53:5-6.

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NIV) NO O/H

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has *laid on him*
the iniquity of us all."

The OT is very clear, God through the Messiah, provides the substitutionary death for sin for all sinners who believe.

The Scriptures declare that the love of God for us is infinitely more than we can fathom.

1 John 4:10 (ESV)

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation (die in our place) for our sins.

#3 Our Legacy Jesus Loves Us and Died for Us

John 3:16 (NIV)

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.