CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

FOR WHOM DID JESUS DIE? (Part 3)

SCRIPTURE READING:

- "For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God" (Rom 6:10).
- "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb 9:12).
- "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (1 Pet 3:18).

INTRODUCTION:

A. Recap: For Whom Did Jesus Die? (Parts 1 and 2)

- 1. Jesus Died for "ALL" (1 Tim 2:6)
- 2. Jesus Died for "ALL MEN" (Rom 5:18; 1 Tim 4:10)
- 3. Jesus Died for "US ALL" (Isa 53:6)
- 4. Jesus Died for Those "WITHOUT STRENGTH" (Rom 5:6)
- 5. Jesus Died for the "UNGODLY" (Rom 5:6)
- 6. Jesus Died for "SINNERS" (Rom 5:8)
- 7. Jesus Died for His "ENEMIES" (Rom 5:10)
- 8. Jesus Died for "CHRIST-DENIERS" (2 Peter 2:1)
- 9. Jesus Died for "EVERY MAN" (Heb 2:9)
- B. "Sin was conquered on the Cross. Christ's death is the foundation of our hope, the promise of our triumph!" "The Cross is the suffering love of God bearing the guilt of man's sin, which alone is able to melt the sinner's heart and bring him to repentance for salvation." "The ground is level at the foot of the Cross." Anonymous
- C. "Gone! When you die, there's no coming back to get things right with Jesus Christ. So do it Now." Anonymous
- D. There is **Only One** Way out of darkness Jesus!
 - "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).
- E. According to Pastor Adrian Rogers, <u>We</u> ought to be living as if Jesus <u>Died</u> yesterday, <u>Rose</u> this morning and is <u>Coming Back</u> this afternoon."

PROPOSITION:

For Whom Did Jesus Die? – "What saith the scripture?" (Rom 4:3) In Part 3 of this lesson, we will answer the aforementioned question: (1) Jesus Died for MANY," (2) Jesus Died for the "WORLD," (3) Jesus Died for the "WHOLE WORLD," (4) Jesus Died for the "WHOLE NATION" of Israel, (5) Jesus Died for the "CHURCH," (6) Jesus Died for His "SHEEP", and (7) Jesus Died for "ME."

I. JESUS DIED FOR "MANY" (Matt 20:28)

- "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt 20:28).
- A. Jesus' sacrificial death on the Cross served as a ransom for "Many." Christ's death satisfied all of God's righteous demands against sin.
 - 1. Ransom means the price paid to obtain the freedom of a slave. Jesus paid the price of our sin debt. Thus, freedom from the slavery of sin, eternal damnation, and Satan.
 - 2. The "Many" refers to those who trust and accept Jesus Christ as Savior.
 - "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life" (Rom 5:18).
- **B.** Christ's death is the only true atonement for sin. He was the perfect sacrifice for sin. His substitutionary death paid the price for sin.
 - "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).
 - "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8).
 - "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:3).

II. JESUS DIED FOR THE "WORLD" (John 1:29; 3:16)

- "²⁹ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 1:29; 3:16).
- A. "World" refers to the universe, the inhabitants of the world; all mankind.
- **B.** In John 1:29, John the Baptist, referenced that the death of Christ is sufficient to pay for the sins of the whole world. However, only those who receive Christ as Savior are forgiven of their sins.
 - "³³ For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world (John 6:33, 51).

C. John 3:16 – The Heart of the Gospel

Luther called <u>John 3:16</u> "the heart of the Bible—the Gospel in miniature." It's so simple a child can understand it; yet it condenses the deep and marvelous truths of redemption into these few pungent words:

- "God"...The greatest Lover
- "So loved"...The greatest degree

- "The world"...The greatest number
- "That He gave"..The greatest act
- o "His only begotten Son." The greatest gift
- "That whosoever." The greatest invitation
- "Believeth"...The greatest simplicity
- "In Him"...The greatest Person
- "Should not perish." The greatest deliverance
- "But"....The greatest difference
- "Have"....The greatest certainty
- "Everlasting Life." The greatest possession Source unknown (Bible.org)

III. JESUS DIED FOR THE 'WHOLE WORLD" (1 John 2:2)

• "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2).

A. This verse affirms that Christ died for everyone – "The Whole World."

- "⁹ Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.
 ¹⁴ For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: ¹⁵ And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (2 Cor 5:9, 14-15).
 - "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb 2:9).

B. Salvation is available to all through Jesus Christ. However, everyone will not be saved. Anyone who hears the Gospel of Christ can be Saved if he so desires.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev 22:17).

IV. JESUS DIED FOR THE "WHOLE NATION" OF ISRAEL (John 11:49-51)

- "⁴⁹ And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. ⁵¹ And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation" (John 11:49-51).
- Caiaphas, the High Priest, prophesied that Jesus should die for the people and be sacrificed – killed – in order to save the people. Caiaphas thought of Christ's death as only for His own people. However, God's purpose was that the Jewish Nation and the Gentiles to be Saved.

• "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9).

V. JESUS DIED FOR THE "CHURCH" (Eph 5:25)

- "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph 5:25).
- A. According to the Baptist Faith and Message, A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation. (Baptist Faith and Message 2000 SBC).
- **B.** The Church consist of Borm-Again Believers who have trusted in Jesus as their personal Savior and have received Eternal Life.
- **C.** Christ is the Bridegroom and the Church is His Bride (Eph 5:25-27). Christ died for the Church (Believers).
- **D.** Christ is "The Head of the Church" (Eph 5:23).
- E. Christ purchased the Church with His own Blood (Acts 20:28).
 - "⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa 53:4-5).
 - "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Pet 2:24).

VI. JESUS DIED FOR HIS "SHEEP" (John 10:11)

- "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).
- A. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and will "Lay Down His Life Voluntarily for the Sheep" (God's People).

B. Jesus Died for His Sheep.

He came so that His Sheep (Believers) may have Eternal Life, both now and in the world to come.

VII. JESUS DIED FOR "ME" (Gal 2:20)

- "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20).
- A. Paul said, Christ Loved Me and He gave Himself for Me. Christ gave Himself – The Supreme Sacrifice. Christ died for Paul, who referred to himself as the "Chief of Sinners" (1 Tim 1:15).
- B. Christ died for <u>ALL</u> Mankind Collectively and "ME" Individually.
 - "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." St. Augustine

CONCLUSION:

- A. When Jesus died upon the Cross, He took our Sin and Shame; He offers us His Righteousness, A Gift for us to Claim. – SPER
- B. Jesus died to give you Eternal Life Accept Him as Your Savior Today!
- C. Because the Lord Jesus died on the Cross, I have received forgiveness of sins; because the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, I have received new life; because the Lord Jesus has been exalted to the right hand of the Father, I have received the outpoured Spirit. All is because of Him; nothing is because of me. - Watchman Nee

D. ABC's of Salvation

- A <u>Admit</u> that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B** <u>Believe</u> that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- C <u>Confess</u>/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).