

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

IT WAS NECESSARY

SCRIPTURE READING:

⁴⁶ And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: ⁴⁷ And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And ye are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:46-49).

INTRODUCTION:

A. Crucifixion was a horrible form of capital punishment that was reserved for the worst of people: slaves, traitors, religious agitators, pirates and notorious criminals. It was designed to be extremely painful, lingering and shameful. Jesus Christ was the most famous victim of crucifixion.

B. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ was a Roman form of execution involving being nailed to a Cross and left to die, usually from suffocation and dehydration. The process involved Jesus Christ being scourged, carrying the Cross, stripped of His clothing, nailed to the Cross, elevation of the Cross, suffering and death, piercing of His side and finally, removal from the Cross.

C. Quotes from the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ:

1. “All my life, I have been looking for a pot of gold at the foot of a rainbow, and I found it at the front of the cross.” – Dale Evans
2. “We work from the cross, not to it. We work because we are saved, not in order to be saved. We work from salvation, not up to it. Salvation is the Gift of God.” – D.L. Moody
3. ““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.” – Billy Graham

After His resurrection, Christ spoke of the necessity, the need, and the news that is related to His crucifixion.

I. THE NECESSITY (v. 46)

“... it behooved Christ to suffer ...”

“Behooved” means it was necessary for

A. The Suffering of Jesus

○ **Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecy**

Psalm 22 – The Messianic Prophecy

David penned many details in this chapter which foreshadowed the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

1. Prophecy:

- **Ps 22:1** – “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?”

Fulfillment:

- Jesus spoke these words as He was dying on the Cross (Matt 27:46).

2. Prophecy:

- **Ps 22:7** – Speaks of – “All they that see me laugh me to scorn:”

Fulfillment:

- “And the men that held Jesus mocked Him and smote Him (Luke 22:63; 23:36).

3. Prophecy:

- **Ps 22:8** – Speaks of Jesus as being mocked for trusting in the Lord.

Fulfillment:

- Jesus was mocked for trusting in God after being nailed to the Cross (Matt 27:43).

4. Prophecy:

- **Ps 22:9-10** – Speaks of Jesus being chosen before His birth.

Fulfillment:

- The birth of Jesus was foretold and fulfilled (Matt 1:18-25).
- **Note: The birth of Jesus was also foretold by God in the Old Testament** (Isa 7:13-14, 9:6-7; Micah 5:1-4).

5. Prophecy:

- **Ps 22:14-15** – Speaks of Christ experiencing extreme dehydration and physical agony.

Fulfillment:

- Jesus experienced dehydration and physical agony (John 10:16-37).

6. Prophecy:

- **Ps 22:16** – Speaks of Christ being surrounded by enemies and His hands and feet were pierced

Fulfillment:

- While on the Cross, Jesus was surrounded by enemies and his hands and feet were pierced as part of the crucifixion process (Luke 24:37-40; John 20:24-29).

7. Prophecy:

- **Ps 22:18** – Speaks of onlookers gambling for pieces of clothing that belonged to Jesus.

Fulfillment:

- During the crucifixion of Jesus, Roman soldiers gambled, by casting lots, for articles of clothing that belonged to Jesus (Matt 27:35).

B. The Death of Jesus

1. Jesus died so that mankind could have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life.

- “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23).
- “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Eph 1:7).

2. Jesus died for “the forgiveness of sin”

- “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins” (Col 1:14).

3. Jesus died a substitutionary death – He died in our place and on our behalf.

- “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor 5:21).

4. Jesus died to take away the “sin of the world.”

- “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).

5. Jesus is the only Name to trust for Salvation – He is the only means by which we can have our sins forgiven and Heaven is our eternal home.

- “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).
- ¹⁰ “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world” (1 John 4:10. 14).

6. Christ’s death is a demonstration of God’s love for mankind.

- “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 3:16).
- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8).

C. Jesus rose “from the dead on the third day” (v. 46)

1. “³³ Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: ³⁴ And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again” (Mark 10:33-34).
2. “Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly” (Acts 10:40).
3. “³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor 15:3-4).

D. Dwight L. Moody

“The resurrection is the keystone of the arch on which our faith is supported. If Christ has not risen, we must impeach all those witnesses for lying. If Christ has not risen, we have no proof that the crucifixion of Jesus differed from that of the two thieves who suffered with him. If Christ has not risen, it is impossible to believe his atoning death was accepted” (AZQuotes.com).

II. THE NEED (v. 47)

“... repentance and remission of sins should be preached ...”

- **“Repentance”** means to change one’s mind; to return to God and His ways; a sincere turning away from past wrongdoings and a commitment to a new way of life aligned with God’s will.
- **“Remission”** means to pardon, atone, to release, complete forgiveness of sin

The message of God’s love and forgiveness should be preached to the entire world.

A. The Great Commission

- “¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matt 28:19-20).

The three commands of the Great Commission are Go, Make Disciples and Teach.

1. “Go” – means to go, to proceed, to travel, to journey

Believers are to actively engage in spreading the Good News of God’s saving grace.

- “And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt 10:7).
- “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).
- “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name” (John 20:31).

2. **“Make Disciples”** – means the focus is on making disciples (followers of Christ), not just converts. It involves encouraging and nurturing Believers to grow in their faith in God.

a. **The process of discipleship is seen in the relationship between Paul and Timothy.**

- “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Tim 2:2).

b. **Disciples must be well equipped to pass their faith on.**

The work of discipleship is not complete until new converts are telling others the Good News they have learned about Jesus Christ.

- “¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ” (Eph 4:12-13).

3. **“Teach” means to teach all that Christ has commanded.**

Teaching is just as essential as making disciples. The mature Christian must teach converts the will and commandments of Christ. Teach Biblical doctrines and Christian ethics. Teach new converts the Bible, the Blood of Jesus, and the Blessed Hope.

B. I Love To Tell The Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

III. THE NEWS (vv. 48-49)

“And ye are witnesses of these things.” (v. 48).

- Christians are witnesses, endured with power from on high to share this message with others.

A. All Believers are called to share the Gospel.

B. The Believer will be equipped for witnessing which is the promise of God, the Father from “on high (Holy Spirit).”

1. God is the source of the Spirit _____ and Power.

2. **The promise is of God the Father. He gives the promise to Believers.**

- “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

- “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8).

C. Believers are to live lives that reflect their faith, showing others the love and grace of God.

D. Believers are to share the Good News of Salvation with the world – share your testimony, pass out Gospel Tracts, and attend church faithfully.

CONCLUSION:

A. I Gave My Life for Thee

I gave My life for thee, My precious blood I shed,
That thou mightst ransomed be, And quickened from the dead;
I gave, I gave My life for thee, What hast thou done for Me?
I gave, I gave My life for thee, What hast thou done for Me?

- **What are you doing for Jesus Christ?**
When was the last time someone offered you a Gospel Tract?
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B. “Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you” (2 Cor 4:14).

- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Pet 1:3).

C. ABC’s of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/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).