

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS? (PART TWO)

Because we cannot pay for our own sins, and it is impossible for us to obey the Law perfectly, God gave the gift of Eternal Life freely.

II. GOD'S REDEMPTION OF MAN

ROMANS 6:23 (GW)

The payment for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. JESUS LIVED A PERFECT HUMAN LIFE

That is the good news! Jesus lived the perfect life that we could never live so that He Himself could be the worthy sacrifice who would die in our place!

HEBREWS 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

2. HE TOOK THE CURSE FOR OUR SINS AND BORE THE WRATH OF GOD

He was the sinless Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He became our representative. Our substitute!

GALATIANS 3:13 (NLT)

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

*"To be cursed of God is to become an object of His displeasure and condemnation. All of us were under God's curse because of our sin. To save us from the curse, Christ became a curse for us and suffered the judgment of God in our place."
(Paul Washer, Missionary)*

MATTHEW 27:45-46

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

*"Christ at that moment was experiencing the abandonment and despair that resulted from the outpouring of divine wrath on Him as sin-bearer"
(John MacArthur, Pastor & Teacher)*



2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 (NLT)

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

1 PETER 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...

3. THE RESURRECTION SHOWS THAT HIS DEATH SATISFIED GOD'S JUSTICE

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22 (NLT)

20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. **21** So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. **22** Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

Only Jesus was worthy to die for our sins because He never sinned. His death purchased our salvation. He rose again from the grave to show that God accepted His sacrifice on the Cross!

ROMANS 4:25

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

The resurrection was the God's validation that Jesus was the eternal Son of God, and that He obtained the believer's pardon and right standing before God.

4. WE MUST LOOK TO HIM BY FAITH & BE SAVED

JOHN 3:14-17 (ESV)

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

QUESTIONS FOR HUDDLE DISCUSSION:

1. Read Hebrews 4:15 and Galatians 3:13.
How does Jesus fully satisfy the payment of our sins?
2. How does Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the grave, change the way you relate with God?