

His Sacrifice Our Victory!

1 John 3:5 (NLT) And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in Him.

I. Jesus came to take away sin.

1 John 3:16 (NKJV) By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Philippians 2:7-8 (NLT) Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

1 John 4:9-10 (NKJV) In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that **we might live through Him**. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation **(sacrifice)** for our sins.

Sin needed to be dealt with. The only reason Jesus came was for this purpose!

1 John 3:7-8 (NKJV) Little children, **(let no one deceive you.)**. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

For what purpose? The purpose of destroying the works of the devil! What are the works of the Devil? SIN!

Romans 6:23 (NLT) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Death: 2288 θάνατος, ἁθάνατος [thanatos /than-at-os/] **1** the death of the body; that separation (whether natural or violent) of the soul and the body by which the life on earth is ended. **1b** with the implied idea of future misery in hell; figuratively, a region enveloped in the darkness of ignorance and sin. **2** metaph., the misery of the soul arising from sin, **which begins on earth** but lasts and increases after the death of the body in hell.

II. The effects of sin

1.) Past

1 John 1:10 (NKJV) If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:12 (NKJV) Therefore, just as through one man (ADAM) sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

1 John 2:2 (NKJV) And He Himself is the propitiation **(sacrifice)** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Romans 5:15 (NLT) But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. **But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness** to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.

2.) Present

1 John 3:4 (NKJV) Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

Commits: 4160 ποιέω [poieo /poy-eh-o/] **1** to make; to produce, construct, form, fashion, **(A Present Tense Verb)**

This deals with us NOW!

Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT) When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, **that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.**

1 John 1:9 (NKJV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 32:5 (NKJV) I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV) He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever **confesses and forsakes** them will have mercy.

3.) Future

1 John 3:6 (NLT) Anyone who continues to live in Him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know Him or understand who He is.

This is future sin!

1 John 3:8 (NLT) But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.

How Did He Destroy the Word of the Devil?

Romans 6:6-7 (NLT) We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

Romans 6:14 (NKJV) For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:18 (NKJV) And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Romans 8:2 (NKJV) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

He took away the authority the Enemy sole and gave it back to us!

Colossians 2:13-15 (NLT) You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, He disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

III. Our Part

We must believe this to be true.

1 John 3:19-20 (NKJV) And by this we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

1 John 3:21-22 (NKJV) Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 John 3:20-22 (NLT) Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and He knows everything. Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. And we will receive from Him whatever we ask because we obey Him and do the things that please Him.

******When we do not feel guilt or condemnation, we as God in faith and confidence!**

1 John 5:14 (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Many defiles their conscience!

1 Timothy 1:19 (NLT) Cling to your faith in Christ and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.

They know it wrong but do it anyway! You to do have to!

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT) So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

James 4:6 (AMP) But He gives us more and more grace (power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully). That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it).

1 John 5:3-4 (NKJV) For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.