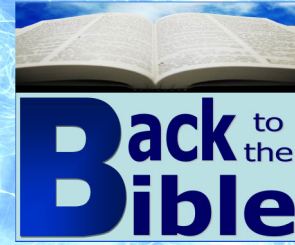
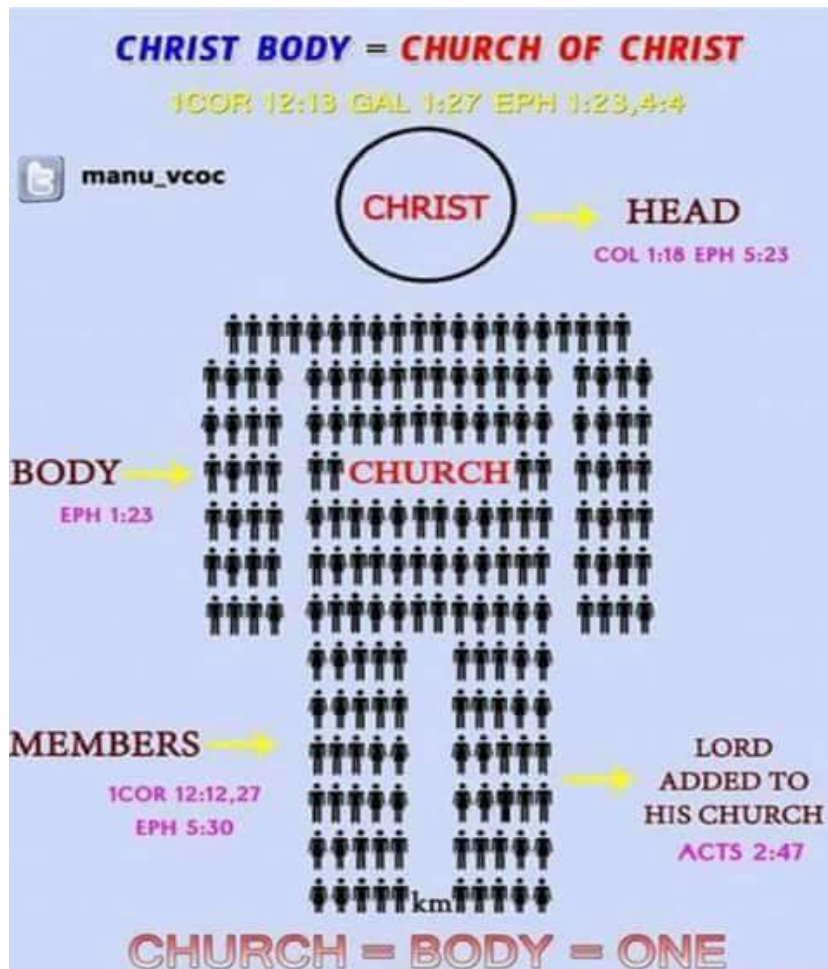


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and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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The Death of Jesus

Tim Canup

This world has been called the land of the living, but perhaps it would be more accurate to call it, the land of the dying. Death & dying are all around us. It is the one thing we all have in common! Hebrews 9:27 says, "...as it is appointed unto men once to die..." Death is best defined as a separation! In James 2:26, we read, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

There is not a person who is not subject to death! If time continues, we all will die! There have been literally countless millions in human history who have died! Yet, there is ONE death that stands out above all other deaths! The death of our Lord! When it comes to details of Jesus' crucifixion, Luke simply records, "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him..." (23:33). Look us examine Christ's death.

HIS DEATH WAS PROPHETIC:

It was prophesied that Jesus would be: Betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9); sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12); forsaken by His disciples (Zech. 13:7); accused by false witnesses (Psalm 35:11; 109:2); mocked and beaten (Micah 5:1; Isa. 50:6; 52:14); pierced in His hands/feet (Psalm 22:16; Zech. 12); crucified with thieves (Isa. 53:9, 12); pray for His persecutors (Psalm 109:4); object of ridicule (Psalm 109:25);

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22:7); garments gambled for (Psalm 22:18); deserted by God (Psalm 22:1); agonize with thirst (Psalm 22:15); commit Himself to God (Psalm 22:20; 31:5); His friends stand afar off (Psalm 38:11); bones not broken (Exod. 12:46); die voluntarily/vicariously (Isa. 53:12; 50:6); et. al... Yet some men say that His death was unknown by God. Consider Isaiah prophesy in chapter 53: verse 8b "...he was cut off out of the land of the living..."; verse 9a "...he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death..."; verse 12b "...he hath poured out his soul unto death..." In Luke 24:44, after His resurrection He appeared to the disciples, "And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, & in the prophets, & in the psalms, concerning me." Peter said in Acts 2:23 "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain."

HIS DEATH WAS UNJUST:

Jesus was declared to be innocent at least three times by Pilate (John 18:38; 19:1-6). Pilates' wife declared in Matthew 27:19 "Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him." The one thief said, "This man hath done nothing amiss" (Luke 23:41). I Peter 2:22-23 says He "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: ²³Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." And again, "...the just for the unjust..." (I Peter 3:18). The Hebrews' writer said He "...was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (4:15b). And Paul wrote, in II Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin..."

HIS DEATH WAS CRUEL:

Hebrews 12:2 says, "Looking unto Jesus the author & finisher of {the} faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Think of the cruelty associated with the scourging, the slapping and the hitting, the crown of thorns being shoved down on His head, the nails being driven through His hands and His feet. Then hanging there, He would have been unable to breath, having to push Himself up just to take a breath in, all of it was an indescribably cruel means of death! Did all this for us!

HIS DEATH WAS SACRIFICIAL:

The fact is, we all have sinned; we all are guilty. When we sinned, we sold self into slavery (John 8:34) and we have no means by which we can free ourselves! If we did, then we would have to sacrifice "something" (money, material possessions, etc.) to pay price of our freedom. If we become sick (or our child), then we have to pay for cure. For illustration purposes, suppose the cure costs \$1000. The we have to sacrifice something to pay for the

cure. Either \$1000 or if we do not have all the money or only have part, then we can sell something to get the rest; such is called sacrifice.

What did Jesus sacrifice for our freedom from sin? Matthew 20:28 "...Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Paul said, concerning Jesus, "who gave Himself a ransom for all..." (I Timothy 2:6). A ransom is the "price paid for release of a slave" (Rogers & Rogers). Consider what Paul wrote in Galatians 1:4, "who gave Himself for our sins..." The word "for" here literally to lay over, to cover. The word picture is of one who puts themselves in harm's way for another, e.g., soldier who uses on body to cover grenade to save fellow soldiers. Acts 20:28 "...the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." I Corinthians 6:20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, & in your spirit, which are God's."

HIS DEATH WAS VOLUNTARY:

Man did not take Jesus' life; He freely gave it! John 10:17-18 "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." We read in Matthew 26:53 "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, & he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" The reality is even though He could have stopped the agony at any moment with just a word, He endure it all for us! Many, in agony, have sought and begged for death. Agony of the cross may not be comprehensible by us, yet He voluntarily endure it! Hebrews 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory & honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

HIS DEATH WAS VICTORIOUS:

Jesus' Death was a victory over death (I Corinthians 15:20-26; Hebrews 2:14-15). Again, Paul said in Galatians 1:4 "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father." By His resurrection He was victorious over death (Rom 7:24-25a). Now through Him, we too can have the victory over death, but only when obey His Will (Hebrews 5:9).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 1 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class after Evening Worship
- Aug 8 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship Service (Song Service)
- Aug 29 – Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell