

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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Why Study the Cross of Christ? - Reason 1

Reason # 1 - THE CROSS OF CHRIST SHOWS SIN FOR WHAT IT IS, AND THE HOPE THAT LIES BEYOND IT.

The purpose of the death of Christ was and is to move us to action . . . To change our lives!

The death of Christ challenged and defeated the powers of evil. Through this even we are challenged to do the same.

The Cross of Christ reveals a number of sins:

1. CAIPHAS, the high priest - The Sin of Selfishness.
2. JUDAS ISCARIOT - The Sin of Covetousness.
3. APOSTLES - Most of them forsook Him and ran away

In the cross we see different aspects of sins and learn that sin has consequences. We should never rationalize that our sins are not important.

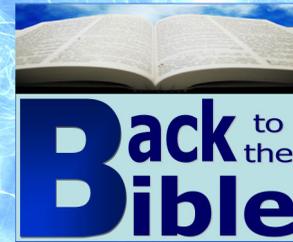


Notice the after effects of those involved:

1. **Judas** betrayed Him. The remorse was so great he committed suicide.
2. **Peter** denied Him three times and wept uncontrollably.
3. **Pilate** tried to be neutral but was tormented in his mind. Tradition says he later went insane.
4. The **Centurion** saw great evidences that day and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."



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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:.... 10:00am
AM Worship:..11:00am
PM Worship:....6:00pm
2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am
"Back to the Bible"
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**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

Together We Are Heaven-Bound

Tim Childs

What a wonderful thought for our minds to focus upon and to be actively engaged in contemplation. It is a noble thought, a healthy and most worthy one. It gives the faint-hearted cheer and encouragement in a moment of trial. It empowers the struggling to make the right choice in a time of temptation. However, this is no time for self-satisfaction by having the realization we are heaven-bound. Together, we must continue to diligently sow, water and "bring in the sheaves" for our Master. It is undetermined on our part just how many more souls may yet be won to Christ as we reach out in love with the Gospel of the everlasting kingdom.

"Together" is used with purpose in the title of our considered topic. In God's superior and infinite wisdom, He has so arranged that we be "together" in fellowship with Him and with one another. Deity's plan is for God-fearing, Christ-following, Spirit-filled believers to walk the Christian walk together in love and unity as dear children (Ephesians 5:1-2). Satan's objective is to get us off by ourselves where we feel we are isolated, alienated and all alone without a Christian friend to care. There is strength in numbers, but only when God is among the number. May we continue to walk together along the straight and narrow path (Matthew 7:13-14). We need God. We also need each other. "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13).

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Praise and glory is due our God because He has made it possible for us to be heaven-bound together. He has given up His only begotten Son to die and make the necessary atonement for our sins as well as the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). Our heavenly Father has made it possible for us to know the way unto life eternal through His Son. Jesus declared, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). Jesus came “to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10) and He has given us the same mission in the marching orders of the “Great Commission” (Matthew 28:19-20). In every generation until our Lord in all of His awesome glory returns in the sky to take us home, we too, must be about the Father’s business of bringing others along with us into the fold. Our Heavenly Father has ample room in His house, and what a house it is! “I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land. Oh, who will come and go with me, I am bound for the promised land.” Eternity is far too long, hell is too horrible and agonizing while heaven is far too sweet to miss out. Hear the Word of God, receive it into your heart, believe it and obey (Hebrews 5:8-9; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) it with all confidence. You, too, can overcome and be invited to come over and live with God.

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The World’s Oldest Lie
by Heath Rogers

When Satan appeared to Eve in the garden, he began to put doubts in her head regarding the command of God. He asked if God had said “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden.” Eve responded that she and her husband could eat of the fruit of every tree in the garden but one, adding that God had said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.” Satan responded, “You will not surely die” (Gen. 3:1-4).

The book of Revelation says that Satan “deceives the whole world” (12:9). Jesus told the unbelieving Jews, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44). In “the beginning” Satan attempted to murder the human race by tempting Eve with a lie. He lied about the penalty or consequence of sin. Eve may not have understood what death was, but she certainly understood that it was the penalty for eating the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. Satan got her to believe that there really wasn’t a consequence for sin.

Satan’s lie continued, calling God’s character into question: “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” (Gen. 3:5). He got Eve to believe that eating the fruit would actually benefit her, and that God was holding her back from having or enjoying something that she had a right to experience.

The oldest lie in the world is still being told today. Every day we are given the impression that there is no penalty for violating God’s commands. Sinners go unpunished. We are told that life is ours to enjoy. Live it up. You only go around once. You deserve a break today. Young people are “expected” to experiment and sow their wild oats. Fornicators, homosexuals, pornographers, gamblers, drinkers, liars, etc., all follow their lusts while claiming “I’m not hurting anybody.” We see it happen around us so much that we may be tempted to believe it ourselves.

However, the Bible clearly warns us about the consequences of sin. Paul said that the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Solomon wrote that the way of the transgressor is hard (Prov. 13:15). Moses warned “be sure your sin will find you out” (Num. 32:23). Jesus spoke of the binding nature of sin when He said “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin” (8:34).

Worldly sinners are not the only ones who lie regarding the consequences of sin. The Calvinist lies about the penalty of sin when he insists that the sins committed by a child of God cannot condemn his soul. However, the Bible says that a child of God has to repent, confess, and pray in order to receive the forgiveness of his sins (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). The Hebrew Christians were warned, “For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries” (Heb. 10:26-27).

“You will not surely die.” The oldest lie in the world, still alive and well today. We know better. Let us strive to live holy lives before the Judge of all the earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mar 26 – Prayer Service
- April 2 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class after Evening Worship
- April 9 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship & Song Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell