

A Price We Could NEVER Pay An Example We CAN Follow

THE PRICE JESUS PAID

Mark 15:16-39 (See also Matthew 27:27-54/ Luke 23:26-48/ John 19:16-37)

WHY IT'S A PRICE WE COULD NEVER PAY

The Bad News / Good News

Hebrews 9:27/ Romans 6:23/ Romans 3:23/ Romans 5:12/ Galatians 2:21 &
John 14:6/ Isaiah 64:6/ Matthew 25:41/ 2 Corinthians 5:21 & 1 John 2:1-2

- We're all condemned to **DIE**.
- There's nothing we can do to **FIX IT**.
- Our **SIN** is far **WORSE** than we think it is.
- God's **WRATH** isn't **ARBITRARY**.
It's **NECESSARY**.
- Jesus took our **PUNISHMENT**
so that we can share His **BLESSINGS**.

THE EXAMPLE WE CAN (AND MUST) FOLLOW

1 Peter 2:21-24/ Romans 12:14, 17-21/ Matthew 18:21-35

- Don't **RETALIATE**. Trust God to bring about **JUSTICE**.
- Always return **GOOD** for **EVIL**.
- Which is simply **GIVING** back what we've **RECEIVED**.

Food for Thought for the week of December 15, 2019

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

(NIV - New International Version)

1. Jesus' response to the suffering He endured serves as an example in our own life challenges. How can the following passages encourage you when it comes to following Jesus' example?

Hebrews 4:14-16 - ¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,¹⁵ Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 - ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

2. The Bible tells us Jesus came to "seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). It's only people who understand that they are lost who realize they need a savior. In [Luke 15](#), Jesus tells three parables that all deal with the theme of "lostness." Read the chapter and then answer the following questions.

What similar elements do you see in all three parables?

What elements are different in the third parable compared to the first two?

What do these parables teach us about spiritually lost people and God's attitude towards them?

What do Matthew 9:35-38 and 2 Peter 3:9 add to your understanding of God's attitude toward spiritually lost people?

Matthew 9:35-38 - ³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

2 Peter 3:9 - ⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

3. We heard this weekend that our sin is way worse than we think it is and as a result, we're all going to die. But Jesus was willing to die to pay the penalty for our sins. The more we understand the depth of our sin, the more we appreciate what Christ did for us. How do the following passages give you a greater appreciation for Christ's work on the cross?

Hebrews 9:27-28 - ²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

1 Peter 1:18-19 - ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Galatians 3:13-14 - ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Isaiah 53:1-6 - Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Galatians 2:19-20 - ¹⁹ "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.