

Romans 3:21-31(NLT)
Three Things Every Disciple Must believe About Jesus, Part 2
The He Died for My Sin

What makes the death of Jesus unlike the death of any other human is the fact that he is the Son of God. Not only that, but he also willingly died for something he was not guilty of; that something being sin. And not only that, but he also died so that those who are guilty of sin and deserving of eternal death (and that's everyone) would not have to face such an end.

Isaiah 53:5-8 “But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, He *was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.” **NKJV**

What makes Jesus' death different is who is and why he died. Sisters and Brothers, you not only must believe he is the Son of God, but you must also believe that he died for your sin. Not the sin of another but your sin? And please do not think to yourself at this moment that you have no sin.

1 John 1:8-10 “⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If

we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” **ESV**

Every disciple must believe that Jesus died for his/her sin. Why? Four reasons.

First reason. There is no other way to be made right with God. V21-22 “²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.” I know in our culture God talk is commonplace. Persons are quick to confess belief in God. To confess the reality of a higher power. To share that they are spiritual. Whatever that means. But not so much Jesus. **Listen! You can’t get around Jesus. No Jesus, no true love of God. No Jesus, no true love of neighbor, No Jesus no forgiveness. No Jesus, no heaven. No Jesus, you are still lost in sin.**

Luke 10:16 “Then he said to the disciples, “Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me.” **NLT**

John 5:22-23 “²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.” **NKJV**

1 Tim 2:5-6a “⁵ For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all” **NKJV**

Second reason. It is not possible to place your faith in Jesus and to have not come to terms with your sinfulness. V23-25a “²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet

God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.” Let me state the obvious. No believes in Jesus who does not believe in his/her on depravity. When I say believes I mean that he is the Son of God, the promised Messiah, the Savior of World. The one who cleanses us from all our sin. No one follows the Savior unless he/she has come to terms with his/her need of rescue from the grip of sin. Have we come to terms with our own sinfulness? If we have not we have not turned to Jesus. We deceive ourselves.

Mark 2:16-17 ¹⁶ “And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” **ESV**

Romans 5:8 ⁸ “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 Tim 1:15 “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.” **NIV**

Third reason. Sin requires a blood payment. Specifically, innocent blood. V25b-26 “This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.” God’s justice requires that sin be punished.

When God tells Adam that eating from the Tree of Knowledge would bring death, God was eternally bound to His word. Because of the sin natured passed on to us from Adam this means that every human being would be subject to this justice of God, death. Listen. There was no hope of mankind rescuing himself from this dilemma, physically or spiritually. So, God, being a just God fulfills the death requirement by sending His Son, Jesus the Christ, to die in our stead. By the shedding of his blood on Calvary's cross the sin debt of humanity was atoned for. Just wrath of God upon sin was satisfied. When we place our faith in Jesus his blood removes our sin debt, past, present and future. If you fail to believe he has died for your sin, personally, your sin debt remains and there is nothing you can supply to God in payment.

Romans 5:12, 18-19 “¹² When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned... ¹⁸ Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.” **NLT**

1 John 1:7 “⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” **ESV**

1 Peter 1:18-19 “¹⁸ For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. ¹⁹ It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” **NLT**

Fourth and final reason. Believing this fulfills the law of God. V27-31

“²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is

based on faith. ²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law. ²⁹ After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is. ³⁰ There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles. ³¹ Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law." Jesus by his perfect obedience to the Father, the shedding of his blood on the cross and his resurrection from the grave fulfilled the full requirement of the Law of God. That is, he perfectly kept the Law and he suffered, for us, the required penalty for breaking it. Thus, when we believe in his atoning work on the cross his righteousness; that is the perfection of Jesus, is imputed to us. When we trust in Jesus it is as if we perfectly kept the law of God. Belief in Jesus accomplishes this for every disciple.

Romans 4:18-25 ¹⁸ Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" ¹⁹ And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. ²⁰ Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. ²² And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. ²³ And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded ²⁴ for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was

handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.” **NLT**

You must believe that Jesus is the literally Son of God and that he died for your sin. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**