

## THE REASON WHY JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS RATHER THAN SOME OTHER WAY

Sin had to kill the innocent Jesus. Acts 3:15 Jesus allowed sin to kill Him. John 10:11,17-18 Sin broke the Law of sin and death. Sin executed the only sinless Man (Jesus) who ever lived. The Law declares that the consequence of sin is death. But Jesus never sinned. Jesus died sinless. Jesus had to die at the hand of the law of governmental authorities unjustly at the pleasure of religious authorities. Crucifixion was the only way this condemnation of sin could occur at the time. His death had to be a corporate death by sin. 1 Peter 2:24 All sin of all time was thrust against Him.

Jesus had to die on the cross rather than, for example, being murdered by one individual. His death had to be a corporate death by sin. Even God allowed all sin to be thrust against the physical body of Jesus while on the cross. Isaiah 53:10 On the cross, God gave the physical mind of Jesus knowledge of all our sin and all sin is against God. All our sin was thrust against Jesus while on the cross.

Jesus had to die on the cross, killed by sin, to become the New Man, the successful Second Adam.  
Romans 5:10, 15-17; 8:3

God condemned sin by the death of sinless Jesus through the sacrifice of His body. Romans 8:3  
Jesus died once to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Hebrews 9:26 Romans 5:18  
Jesus nailed the Law of sin and death to the cross. Colossians 2:14  
Sin, death, and Satan were defeated by the sinless death of the innocent Jesus. John 19:30  
Jesus is given the right to judgment over all creation because of the cross and the shedding of His innocent blood. Matthew 28:18 John 5:26-30

The cross of Jesus has released believers from our sole relationship with Adam. Adam sinned bringing sin to us all and subjection of us all to Satan. The cross of Jesus bought back the right of a Man to remove all sin and death from creation. God is justified in removing all sin and death from creation because of the cross and the shedding of Jesus' innocent blood. Because Jesus made it right for the removal of sin from creation, God has the right to remove sin from those who put faith in Jesus. God removes sin by making the believer a new creation in Christ and through the process of sanctification. Our believing in Jesus as Savior and King (our faith in Jesus), is the Way God has chosen to bring us to Himself. God gives us new birth, makes us a new creation with a new relationship with Jesus Christ, and removes our sin (ultimately). Romans 3:21-26; 5:12; 8:21  
The cross of Jesus has released us from the Old Covenant and Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant in which He changes our heart. Hebrews 9:15-22; 7:18-19; 10:3-4

Sanctification is the process of God in the believer to make us more like Christ. This process is completed at our physical death in which we retain our new creation and lay down all sin including our nature to sin.

The cross of Jesus gave Him the right as the New Man to remove all sin, death, and Satan from creation.

Jesus died for all mankind and all creation. Those who cooperate in the Spirit with conviction of sin and believe in Jesus for sin removal and righteousness given are made new creations in Christ Jesus.

The cross of Jesus Christ has released us and delivered us from the Law of sin and death. Believers are free from the Law. Romans 8:2

New birth removes us from wrath, condemnation, penalty, headship of Satan, and bondage to sin and death.

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no "aphesis" (deliverance). Hebrews 9:22

The shed blood of Jesus delivers us from the Law of sin and death. Jesus nailed the Law of sin and death to the cross. Colossians 2:14 We are free from the Law. We are delivered from the domination of sin.

The text of Hebrews chapters 9 and 10 center around our deliverance from the Old Covenant and the inauguration of the New Covenant. Our deliverance is not so much about forgiveness of sin but about release from sin and death. The cross of Jesus Christ did not save us from God. It saves us from sin, death, and Satan. Hebrews 10:8-18

God has always been willing to freely forgive people. Sin removal was costly but forgiveness was freely given.

Remission of sins means deliverance from sin and not just forgiveness. Acts 2:38

Most translations of the Bible translate “aphesis” as forgiveness. But “aphesis” is much more and greater than just forgiveness. Forgiveness is freely given but sin removal required the shed blood of Jesus on the cross. See these verses and replace forgiveness with deliverance from sins.

Ephesians 1:7 Colossians 1:14 Mark 3:29 Acts 26:18

The gospel is much more than forgiveness. The gospel brings new birth to the humble, repentant, and believing sinner by the power of the Holy Spirit.

New birth removes the believer from wrath, condemnation, penalty, headship of Satan, and bondage to sin and death. The gospel is the story of Christ and His removal of sin from all creation.