

A WRONG MINDSET CONCERNING SIN WILL BE DESTRUCTIVE

God is unchanging. God never changes in His wrath toward sin. God's wrath toward sinners is never removed. The sinner must be changed and moved out from under the wrath of God. Salvation is a change in the believing sinner. Saved sinners have a new position in the Second Adam, Jesus Christ. Believers in Jesus are called "righteous" in Christ. The "righteous" are moved out from under the wrath of God because God has no wrath toward the righteous.

John 3:36

Being a believer in Jesus includes having a desire to be changed. Jesus came to earth to make us new creations of righteousness through His work in us.

Romans 5:3-5

Philippians 1:6,9-11

Believers participate in the cross of Jesus. Jesus came to condemn sin by His unjust death. Jesus arose in defeat of sin and death. Jesus became the Way by which believers escape the penalty of sin, the condemnation of sin, the wrath of God, and the power of sin.

To participate in the cross of Jesus means that believers die to the old life separated from God and are born to new life in Christ.

If I excuse my sin because I know I have a sin nature and I know by experience that I will sin today no matter how hard I resist, I am thinking that God must be excusing my sin also. This mindset breeds more sin.

A different mindset is provided by Scripture. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus has the power to change our motivations, our desires, and our actions. Jesus is the Way believers in Him escape sin and its penalties. Participation in the Cross with new life in Christ gives new motivation, new desires, and righteous actions initiated by and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was crushed by sin in His human body becoming the sin offering which condemns sin, defeats sin, and ultimately removes the new creation from all traces of sin. The righteous new creation in Christ has escaped the wrath of God, has escaped the penalty for sin, and should desire to escape from sin.

A wrong concept of sin will be destructive. God never excuses sin. God never covers up sin. God is never appeased of His wrath toward sin. We should never excuse our sin. God is never changed or reconciled to man. God's wrath toward sin is never removed or changed. Sin hurts people and leads to destructive relationships and destruction of relationships. Sin separates people from God.

Believers are no longer in bondage to the law of sin and death. Believers are indwelled by the Spirit of God and do not have to yield to sin. Power to say “no” to temptation is available through the Spirit of God. Yield to the power of the Spirit and you will save yourself a lot of self induced torment.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

JESUS, THE SECOND ADAM, DIED AS SIN STRUCK HIM WITH ALL ITS FURY

Every sin is a strike of death toward some relationship. Every sin is a strike against “Life.” Every sin is a strike against God who is the giver of Life. But nothing can make God feel pain or misery. God cannot change. The human side of Jesus felt the pain which we inflicted upon Him on the cross.

All sin struck Jesus the God-Man on the cross. The Man side of Jesus felt pain and misery. The Man side of Jesus felt forsaken of God even though Jesus knew the Scripture says that He was not forsaken.

Jesus did not sin by thinking that He was truly forsaken. He simply quoted Psalm 22:1 to declare His Messiahship and to declare the pain His human body felt. Jesus paid the extreme utmost cost to redeem us.

Sinless Jesus, the New Adam, gained authority over sin and death. The New Adam has the right to remove all sin and death from creation through judgment.

Jesus died for every man. “Whosoever will” may cooperate with God, be brought to saving faith, and escape the penalty of sin which is eternal separation from God. Jesus is the Way by which believers escape the penalty of sin. Believers have no hint of sin when they enter heaven’s glory.

Jesus produces righteousness in the life of every believer during earthly life by righteous led actions.

Jesus, the New Adam, is man’s God-given substitute for Adam. Jesus died physically under the crush of our sin so that we don’t have to die eternally in separation from God. Jesus, the New Adam, is the believer’s replacement for Adam. The redeemed die in Christ. The unredeemed die in Adam still under bondage to sin and condemnation of sin.

JESUS CANCELLED THE WRITTEN CODE WITH ITS REGULATIONS

Colossians 2:14b The written code that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross.

The written code is the Law of sin and death. The Law explains sin and its consequence. The wages of sin is death. The Spirit of life, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, sets the believer free from the Law of sin and death. Romans 8:2

Adam sinned one time and brought upon creation the Law of sin and death. Jesus did one act of righteousness, sinless death, and nailed the Law of sin and death to the cross. The indwelling Spirit of Christ in the believer empowers victory over sin. The cross also procured the eventual removal of the Law of sin and death from all creation. Romans 5:18; 6:18 Romans 8:2,3, 20,21,26

The written code is that sin separates man from God eternally. The wages of sin is eternal separation from God. Romans 6:23

By nailing the written code to the cross, Jesus became humanity's God-given substitute for Adam and gained the Way for man to be changed through new birth, sanctification, and ultimately glorification.

Believers in Christ are moved out from under the written code, moved out from under the wrath of God, and removed from the penalty of sin.

Without the shed blood of Christ, without the physical death of Christ, without the substitutionary death of Christ, without the ultimate condemnation of sin by the unjust sinless death of Christ, and without Christ becoming the replacement Adam for believers, there would be no rescue from sin and the written code with its regulations and condemnation.

From the beginning of the world, God saw and allowed His Son to enter mankind in the flesh, live a sinless life, die a sinless death, defeat sin, death, and Satan, be resurrected, give eternal life to all those who believe in Him, remove sin from the believer through sanctification and glorification, remove sin and death from all creation, and create a new heaven and new earth.

1 Peter 1:18-25 Revelation 20:10-15; 21:1-27; 22:1-21

THE TRUE MEANING OF JESUS IS MADE A CURSE FOR US

Being made a curse is to be subjected to some of the pain and some of the consequences of sin.

Creation is cursed in Genesis 3:17, but not fully and eternally.

Humanity is subjected to some of the pain and some of the consequences of sin being under the curse upon creation.

Cain is under a curse in Genesis 4:11-12 and is subjected to some of the pain and some of the consequences of sin.

Jesus was made a curse for us according to Galatians 3:13. On the cross, Jesus was subjected to some of the pain and some of the consequences of sin. Every sin is a strike against God who is the giver of Life. The human body of Jesus felt the pain of all sin of all time being thrust against Him.

Jesus is God. Jesus laid aside His omnipresence and His omniscience. Jesus received from the Father what knowledge He needed for each hour. Jesus did not carry the entire weight of our sin until the cross. On the cross Jesus carried the entire weight of all sin upon Him because He is God, and because the Father planned the cross and determined that the cross would win the victory over sin and death. Romans 8:3 Ephesians 5:2 Hebrews 10:10-14

Jesus bore our sins in His body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24).

We are redeemed by the precious sinless blood of Jesus (1 Peter 1:19).

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.

Galatians 3:13a

The curse that Jesus endured was His rejection by humanity, the total accumulated sin of all humanity thrust against Him, and the fulfillment of the plan of the Father to let Him be crucified.

The unjust physical death of sinless Jesus condemns sin and gives Jesus the right to remove all sin from creation. The Father planned the crucifixion and the Son agreed to finish the work of redemption making Him the successful Second Adam who is victorious over sin and death.

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