

GOD VALUES OUR LIFE SO MUCH THAT JESUS BORE THE WEIGHT OF OUR SINS

In the Old Testament, atonement offerings never took away sin but rather produced acknowledgment of personal and corporate sin and gave opportunity for genuine faith in God among the people. Genuine faith was counted for righteousness. The sacrificial system foreshadowed Jesus' death on the Cross. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice and He provided reconciliation for our sins once and for all. Jesus Christ produced the "action of mercy" for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2) Jesus' one act of righteousness on the Cross defeated sin, death, and Satan. (Romans 5:18) Sin condemned itself by executing Jesus unjustly. Sin was condemned to the utmost, and sin was sentenced to removal from all creation. (Romans 8:3) Jesus bore the weight of our sins and the sins of the whole world on Himself. He was crushed by our sin so that sin could be condemned and sentenced to removal. All our sins were laid upon Him and came against Him because Jesus is God. (Isaiah 53:6) The physical body of Jesus died an unjust death whereby sin is shown to be the atrocious monster that it is. For our sake, God made Him to be the sin offering who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21) Jesus was not just a victim of sin. Jesus willingly laid down His life to condemn sin and defeat sin. Jesus chose to die to bring many souls to righteousness. "The chastisement that brought us peace was upon Him" means that Jesus learned obedience by facing every temptation without sinning. (Hebrews 5:8-9) Jesus was perfected through suffering sinless, and His sinless death condemned and defeated sin. (Romans 8:3)

God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

Jesus gave Himself a ransom for all. (1 Timothy 2:5-6) The ransom is the high price that Jesus paid to condemn sin and sentence sin to removal from all creation. The sinless death of Jesus allows God to remain righteous and remove sin, death, and Satan from creation. The ransom Jesus paid allows those with the readiness of mind to cooperate with the Spirit and follow Jesus in death to sin and resurrection to new life in Him. The ransom paid by Christ is the means by which we are redeemed. The ransom frees believers from the governance of the Law of sin and death because we have new life in the Spirit. The Cross also procured the eventual removal of the Law of sin and death from all creation.

(Colossians 2:14; Romans 6:18; 8:2,2,20,21,26) By nailing the written decree that was against us 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. (Romans 5:18) Believers in Christ are moved out from under the written decree, moved out from under the wrath of God, and removed from the penalty of sin. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The written decree is the governance of the Law of sin and death over all creation because of sin. Believers are set free from the Law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2)

God is making new creations by changing us and making us fit for heaven.