

## DOES SCRIPTURE SAY THAT JESUS BECAME SIN?

Does Scripture say that Jesus became sin? No. Scripture does not say that Jesus became sin. We must interpret 2 Corinthians 5:21 with respect to all Scripture concerning the Cross. No place in Scripture do we find that Jesus became sin. Jesus is always described as perfect and sinless, even in 2 Cor. 5:21. We must interpret this verse as Jesus becoming the sacrifice for the defeat of sin. In likeness to the Old Testament sacrifices, Jesus was the sin offering, but unlike the OT sacrifices Jesus takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29

For Jesus' sacrifice to be acceptable to God, it must come from a perfect Man, just as any animal sacrifice had to be spotless. The sacrifice of sinless Jesus condemned sin because sin cannot tolerate the sinless Jesus and killed Him. God orchestrated the Cross, but sin abused and killed the innocent, sinless physical body of Jesus. Jesus was not guilty of sin. Therefore sin condemned itself and is sentenced by God the Father to removal from all creation. The Father has given all judgment to the Son.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for "sin" is the same word used for "sin offering". Paul was an OT scholar. He quoted often from the Old Testament. Paul wrote his New Testament letters in Greek. In Romans 8:3, when Paul is writing "for sin" he means "as a sin offering". In 2 Corinthians 5:21, when Paul is writing "became sin" he means "to be an offering for sin". Paul is using the Greek word for "sin" in the same way the Old Testament writers did by substituting the single word "sin" for the concept of "sin offering". All Scripture concerning the Cross must agree. There can be no contradictions in Scripture.

Transference of sin from the sinner to the sin offering is never found in the Bible. Jesus cannot become sin, so transference of our sin to Jesus is not Biblical. For the believer, sin is not transferred to Jesus, and Jesus' righteousness is not transferred to us. Saving faith is credited as righteousness for the believer, and then God performs righteous actions in the cooperating believer completing the work He began in us.

Jesus bore our sins means that He allowed sin to abuse Him and kill His physical body. Sin defeated itself and is sentenced to removal from all creation because of the Cross.

God the Father was in Christ on the Cross, condemning sin to the utmost, and making all things right with Him, especially all who willingly receive forgiveness in their heart.

2 Cor. 5:19 Romans 8:3

Jesus died for all humanity so that any person who cooperates with the Holy Spirit may have his sin taken away. By His sinless death, Jesus defeated sin and Satan.

The wrath of sin was allowed to come against Jesus and kill His physical body. The wrath of sin included: Jesus' knowledge of all sin of all time and sin being against God, Jesus' abuse by Jewish leaders, and Jesus' physical abuse and physical death. This is what it means that Jesus bore our sin and all our sin was laid upon Jesus.

All sin is against God. Jesus is God in human flesh. The weight of all sin came against Christ ultimately killing His physical body. Sin is thus condemned for killing the sinless flesh of the Son of God. Sin is sentenced to extermination from all creation. Jesus remained sinless by faithfully learning obedience one day at a time (Hebrews 5:8). The chastisement of our peace was upon Him requiring Him to remain perfectly obedient even to death on the Cross (Isaiah 53:5).

#### JESUS PRAYS TO THE FATHER IN GETHSEMANE

Father, this has been our plan from the beginning. I want to drink this cup fully to the very last dregs of sin. I want to drink fully from the cup of sin's wrath before it is passed on to My disciples. I want to fully condemn sin to the utmost. I want sin condemned to extinction. I want to have the right to remove sin from repentant sinners and give them new life in Me. This is My will. But, Father, it is your will that is to be done. You may use My body to orchestrate the defeat of sin.

**Matthew 26:39 My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.**

**Moments before at the Passover meal, the custom was to pass the cup on to the next person but before you could pass the cup you had to drink deeply from it. If you were the person to empty the cup, you must drink the bitter dregs before you let this cup pass to the next person. When Jesus prays, "Let this cup pass from me", He is not saying that He is changing His mind about drinking it. Jesus is saying "Let Me drink of it as deeply as I can before I pass it on to My disciples.**

**The disciples did drink from the cup of the wrath of sin. They were subjected to persecution and many to martyrdom for their testimony of believing in Christ.**