

ERROR IN OUR THEOLOGY LEADS TO MORAL FAILURE IN THE CHURCH

A very dangerous false teaching in churches today is that Jesus literally bore the punishment our sin deserved and that the wrath of God was poured out on Him in our place. Believing this error, people begin to think that there is no consequence for their sin and they live in comfort that their sin is excused and never counts against them. They live as if God pours out His love upon them without any form of repentance, obedience, or discipline in their life. They don't seek the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit to fill, control, and guide them toward righteous action. They think they are righteous simply by the righteousness of Christ credited to their account. They won't give up their preferred sin because they think their sin has been paid for on the cross. They are in error because "paying for sin" was not the purpose of the cross of Jesus.

Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures. The price He paid was what it took to defeat sin, death, and Satan. Jesus died sinless. His sinless death at the hands of sinful men condemned sin to extermination. His sinless death gained Him the right to take away our sin when we cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and allow the Spirit to lead us to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Jesus was not bearing punishment for our sin or the wrath of God in our place. Jesus was not changing God's attitude toward us, placing us in God's favor. Religion seeks to change God in our favor. True Christianity is all about changing the believing sinner and making him fit for heaven.

Hebrews 5:8,9 Being obedient one moment at a time, Jesus lived and died sinless achieving perfection as a man and becoming the author of eternal salvation unto all who obey Him.

Romans 5:18 By the righteousness of this Second Adam, Jesus gained the free gift of salvation which is available to all men.

Romans 8:3 Jesus became the sin offering by which sin is condemned to extermination. God, in Christ condemned sin because sin killed the physical body of sinless Jesus. Jesus died sinless.

John 1:12 A person must receive Jesus to become a child of God.

John 11:25 Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying."

2 Corinthians 5:20 You must choose to be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ His Son.

John 3:16 Whoever believes in Jesus will not perish.