

Christian Doctrine

Jesus Christ (Part 5)

The Crucifixion

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The crucifixion of Christ is a display of both God's love and justice. Mankind, being guilty of sin by nature and by choice and in a hopeless state of condemnation, was unable to do anything to earn favor with God. Christ came to be the Redeemer mankind so desperately needed.

- This was the primary purpose for which Christ came ([Matt. 1:21](#); [Mark 10:45](#)).
- It was the fulfillment of prophecy.
 - Old Testament prophecies state many details of the crucifixion ([Is. 53:3-12](#); [Psalm 22](#)).
 - Christ Himself prophesied that He would be rejected and killed ([Mark 8:31](#); [9:31](#); [Matt. 20:17-19](#)).

The agony of Christ's crucifixion is seen in several ways:

- He suffered horrific, physical pain ([Matt 27:27-50](#)).
- He experienced abandonment ([Matt. 26:56](#); [27:46](#)).
- He took on Himself the burden of sin ([I Pet. 2:24](#)).
- He endured the wrath of God toward sin ([I John 2:2](#)).

What the Crucifixion Accomplished for Us

Jesus' death on the cross was more than just an act of kindness and love, it accomplished a specific purpose.

- It demonstrated God's genuine love for us ([Rom 5:8](#)).
- Christ became our substitute, satisfying God's wrath toward sin and providing us forgiveness.
 - The justice of God requires sin to be punished. Even being "sorry" for sin does not change this ([Rom. 5:12](#)).
 - Christ took our place, taking on Himself the punishment we were due, providing us a pardon ([Gal. 3:13](#)).
- The penalty for sin was completely, entirely, and forever paid for ([Rom. 5:18-19](#); [8:1](#)).
- The plan of God to redeem His creation was accomplished. Salvation was available to those who would place their trust in Christ ([John 3:16](#); [19:30](#)).

We see in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the glorious work of God providing salvation for mankind. This is the heart of the gospel, which is truly "good news!"