

The Father's Gift: The Son's Sacrifice

Our Surrender

The Father's Gift

*"For God so loved the world that **He gave His one and only Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* - John 3:16

The Son's Sacrifice

*"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this, **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!**"* - Romans 5:8

1. Jesus was no ordinary man.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

"When He had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.'" - John 19:30

"Above His head they placed the written charge against Him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews." - Matthew 27:37

"Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world.'" - John 18:36

"When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely He was the Son of God!'" - Matthew 27:54

"We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." - Luke 23:41

"Surely this was a righteous man." - Luke 23:47

"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'" - Luke 23:34

2. Jesus' death was no ordinary death, because He died as the sin bearer.

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness." - 1 Peter 2:22

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." - 1 John 1:7

3. Jesus' death had no ordinary outcome.

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*"Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die."*

*"When you were dead in your sins... God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; **He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.**"* - Colossians 2:13,14

"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." - John 1:29

So, How Do We Respond?

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We need to surrender the thought that we are good. That we are good enough to deserve or earn our forgiveness and a place in Heaven. We need to surrender our pride and our self-righteousness. The Bible says:

"All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:23

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." - 1 John 1:9

"God desires all people to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth!" - 1 Timothy 2:4

"Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God!" - John 1:12