

The Death of Jesus

Lesson 4

How Is Jesus' Death A Pattern For Our Lives?

How Do We Receive Forgiveness of Our Sins Through Jesus' Death?

1. Sin demands death
2. Pardon demands a perfect blood sacrifice
3. Forgiveness demands appropriating Jesus' blood
4. How do we appropriate Jesus' blood to be washed?

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How Do We appropriate Jesus' Blood To Be Washed?

- Great error – to be cleansed – all we have to do is believe and ask Jesus to forgive us
- Scriptures do not confirm this!
- But they do confirm that faith must believe in Jesus to the point of repenting of sins and being baptized (fully immersed) in water to be forgiven
- Confirm also that Christians who sin must repent, confess and pray to be cleansed ³

Introduction

- Will not focus on the cross as an historical event although it was
- Focus – Jesus' attitudes He displayed at His death and even throughout His life
- Scriptures teach we are to imitate these attitudes – making Jesus' death a pattern for how we live our lives

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Pattern Of Self-denial and Dedicated Life To God

- Jesus' attitude both before His death and while dying was one of self-denial
- Setting aside any desires and behavior contrary to God's will
- Self-denial begins at baptism – crucifying the old self and resurrection of new self
- Continues for Christians – crucifying sinful desires and behavior and replacing them with righteous thinking and conduct

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Jesus Displays Self-denial

Luk 9:23 And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Luk 9:24 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

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Our Self-denial Begins At Baptism

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

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Our Self-denial Begins At Baptism

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

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Our Self-denial Begins At Baptism

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

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Self-denial and Dedication To God Continues After Baptism

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Gal 5:24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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Self-denial and Dedication To God Continues After Baptism

Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

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Self-denial and Dedication To God Continues After Baptism

Rom 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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Pattern For Loving One Another

- In the cross, Jesus displays the greatest example of sacrificial love, dying for our sins although we are unworthy
- We seek to love in the same way, sacrificing for one another in doing what is needed

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We Must Love Each Other As He Has Loved Us

Joh 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

Joh 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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We Must Love Each Other As He Has Loved Us

1Jn 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

1Jn 3:18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

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We Must Love Each Other As He Has Loved Us

1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1Jn 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

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We Must Love Each Other As He Has Loved Us

1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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Pattern For Humility And Obedience

- Jesus humbled (lowered) Himself before God and others, even to the point of death on the cross
- We should humble ourselves before God and one another
- God and others should be ahead of self

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Jesus Humbled Himself Before God and Others

Php 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Php 2:6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

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Jesus Humbled Himself Before God and Others

Php 2:7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

Php 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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We Must Humble Ourselves Before God and Others

Php 2:1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

Php 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

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We Must Humble Ourselves Before God and Others

Php 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

Php 2:4 do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

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Pattern For Trusting God While Suffering

- Jesus set the perfect example of how to endure unjust suffering by trusting in God
- We too can endure suffering by trusting God who has proven His love for us by sending Jesus to the cross

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We Must Follow Jesus' Example of Trusting God While Suffering

1Pe 2:18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

1Pe 2:19 For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

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We Must Follow Jesus' Example of Trusting God While Suffering

1Pe 2:20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

1Pe 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

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We Must Follow Jesus' Example of Trusting God While Suffering

1Pe 2:22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

1Pe 2:23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

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We Must Follow Jesus' Example of Trusting God While Suffering

1Pe 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

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His Death – Proof of God's Love and Our Conquest By Him

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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His Death – Proof of God's Love and Our Conquest By Him

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Rom 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

Rom 8:34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

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His Death – Proof of God's Love and Our Conquest By Him

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

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3. Pattern for humility and obedience
4. Pattern for trusting God while suffering