

The Cross Of Christ

Why Did Jesus Have To Die On A Cross?

Every single person has broken God's law.

1 John 3:4-5 (NLT) - Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. ⁵ And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him.

James 2:10 (NLT) - For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws.

The punishment for sin is death and eternity in hell.

Luke 12:4-5 (NLT) – Jesus said, “Dear friends, don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that. ⁵ But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he's the one to fear.”

Jesus took our punishment on the cross.

Romans 3:19-25 (NLT) - Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. ²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, **freely** makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

The Gift Of Forgiveness And Eternal Life

Romans 6:23 (NLT) - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

What do I need to do to be saved from hell and be made right with God?

•Confess that Jesus is the only One I trust for salvation.

John 14:6 (NLT) - Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

•Confess that Jesus is the only One I submit to.

Acts 4:12 (NIV) - Salvation is found in no one else (Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

•Repent and live for Jesus.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NLT) - The kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

•Pray and ask God to:

- **forgive my sin**
- **take control of my life**
- **give me eternal life**

A Prayer For Salvation

“Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins and surrender my life to you. Cleanse my heart. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. That He died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead three days later to conquer death. I believe that in my heart and confess it with my mouth, that Jesus is my Savior and Lord, and I receive your gift of eternal life. Amen.”