

## **WHY DID JESUS DIE?**

*This question is of vital importance because your eternal destiny depends upon your answer to it. Do you know why Jesus died? If not, I believe God has sent me across your path to tell you.*

### **SIN BRINGS DEATH**

In God's Word, the Bible, we learn that death came into the world because of sin. "Wherefore ... by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). You and I die because we are sinners; we have forfeited our right to live on the earth. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

### **JESUS DIED FOR US**

Did Jesus die because He had sinned? No. Listen to the inspired Word: "In Him *is no sin*" (1 John 3:5); "Who *did no sin*" (1 Peter 2:22); "Who *knew no sin*" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Therefore, death had no claim upon Him. But, blessed be His Name, He "gave Himself for *our sins*" (Galatians 1:4). It was love to you and me that caused the Lord Jesus Christ to come down from heaven and die on Calvary's cross. It was love to *us* that held Him on that shameful cross until He had finished the work of atonement to the glory of God.

A holy, righteous, just God cannot let sin go unpunished. On the cross the Lord Jesus bore God's judgment against sin in our stead, as our substitute; and now God is offering not only forgiveness, but also justification to the repentant sinner who believes in Jesus. He is "just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Romans 3:26). God showed His approval of that mighty work by raising the Lord Jesus from among the dead and seating Him at His own right hand in heaven (Mark 16:19).

### **JESUS IS THE WAY**

There is no other way a sinner can be saved but through the atoning death of the Lord Jesus, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Why did Jesus die? Have you ever realized that it was your sins that caused Him to die upon the cross, or ever felt *your* need of Him as *your* personal Saviour? As you read this little message, He looks down from heaven upon you, and He reads the thoughts and intents of your heart. He knows your attitude toward your sins, as well as your attitude toward the One who wants to be your Saviour.

### **TURN TO HIM TODAY**

Even if you are a stranger to me, God knows all about you. I urge you not to lay aside this paper until you have settled this great question and have received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Once you see the seriousness of your sinful condition before God, you will never get rest of conscience and heart until you have trusted the Saviour of sinners. He made "peace through the blood of His cross" (Colossians 1:20). We are "reconciled to God by the death of His Son" (Romans 5:10).

If you do not trust Him now as your Saviour, you will meet Him in eternity as your Judge. For God "hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Won't you flee to Him now for refuge while it is the day of salvation? "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). Source: Moments With the Book Gospel Series #243