

4-1-2026 – Nailed It!

Jesus died for us. Nailed to a cross.

“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.”

We commonly say our sins were nailed to the Cross with Him.

But Jesus nailed more than our sin to the cross.

1 – Jesus nailed our charges to the Cross.

- [Berean Std Bible](#) – **Col. 2:14** – “canceled the debt ascribed to us in the decrees that stood against us. He took it away, nailing it to the cross!”
- Recall – Pilate had placed a handwritten notice of charges on the cross above Jesus. It read: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.
- [New Living Translation](#) **Col. 2:14** – “He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.”
 - Jesus took away our past, giving us a future with God.
 - **Picture a parchment listing every spiritual IOU we owe God**—every sin, every failure, every bit of guilt.
 - At the cross, Jesus “canceled” that record.

2 – But Jesus also took away our “debt” – the punishment due us.

- **Gal. 3:13** – “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us”
 - This is **redemption**. Jesus redeemed us. He paid our debt.
 - The "curse of the law" refers to the **penalties** that come from **failing to uphold the Mosaic Law perfectly**
 - The curse of the law also highlights the impossibility of achieving righteousness through human effort
 - “All have sinned” – so we needed a Savior.

3 – Jesus nailed **separation** to the cross.

- All have sinned & fallen short. (Rom. 3:23).
- **Sin separates us** from God who is Holy.
- [2 Corinthians 5:19](#) – “For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them.”
 - Reconciliation implies a restoration of a broken relationship.
 - The relationship between God and humanity is broken by sin.
- But God sent Jesus to restore that broken relationship.
- It’s not **based** on merit, but on **God’s grace**.
 - From Genesis to Revelation - Bible addresses the problem of sin, which makes dwelling with God impossible . . . but Bible tells us of God’s desire - to dwell with His people.
 - **Lev. 26:3-4, 11-12** – “If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. . . [blessings of obedience]. . . And I will make My dwelling place among you, and My soul will not despise you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be My people.”
- Last time God walked among His people was: garden of Eden w/ Adam & Eve. Since then, sin separated us.
- But **God took the initiative** – He made a way to have **peace with us**.
 - **Col. 1:20** says that “through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.”
- **Jesus reconciled us** – made it possible to have a close relationship with God – & He took away the separation that sin caused between us/ God.
 - That is why the **curtain was torn** in the temple. Symbolic.

4 – Luke 22-23 – Jesus nailed the curse of the law to the Cross.

- Many debates on this. Did Jesus do away with the law? Or the curse?
 - [Romans 7:6](#) – “But now, having died to what bound us, we have been **released from the law**, so that we serve in the **new way of the Spirit**, and not in the old way of the written code.”
 - [Romans 6:14](#) – “For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.”
 - [Galatians 5:18](#) – “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”
 - Some argue the “law” was thrown away. Nailed. Gone.
 - Point: Jesus didn’t always comply w/ those purity rituals
- The **Law** attached **punishment for failure**. **Required sacrifices** for sin.
- Jesus set us free from that punishment by taking our place on the cross.
 - [Galatians 3:13](#) – “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.”
 - [Romans 8:2](#) – “For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death.”
- Jesus gives us **freedom from the wages of sin** [death]. . . not from following the commands of the law.
- **Jesus freed us from Law’s punishment**; He didn’t do away w/ the law.
 - [Matt. 5:17](#) – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.”
- The Law shows us God’s standards. Righteous. But Jesus made it simple: all the law is built on Love God, love your neighbor.
 - As [Romans 7:6](#) says – we “serve in the new way of the Spirit”
 - Our **freedom isn’t lawlessness**; it’s the **privilege** of living for God in a spirit of love & gratitude rather than thru rule-keeping.

- **“Release from the law”** isn’t an escape from God’s moral will but a transfer from the Moses covenant to the “new covenant” in Jesus:
 - the **new covenant is the covenant of grace.**
 - **Luke 22:20** – “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”
 - **Heb. 9:14-15** – “how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, purify our consciences from works of death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.”
 - **We have been Redeemed. Jesus nailed death to the Cross.**
 - We have eternal life b/c of His sacrifice.
 - **Eternal life – God’s desire to walk among His people!**

