

WHY DID JESUS DIE?

Who Put Christ To Death?
Who "came up with the idea" ?
Why?
Acts 4:27

1. HEROD
2. PONTIUS PILATE
3. GENTILES
4. PEOPLE OF ISRAEL
5. GOD, HIMSELF, vs 28

Isaiah 53:10
grief

The LORD was pleased to crush Him putting Him to

Romans 8:32
up

He who did not spare His own Son, He delivered Him

Romans 3:25

God displayed publicly...in His blood...
to demonstrate

God planned it, and by means of wicked men, He accomplished it.
Gen 50:20; Isa 10:5-7

"They meant it for evil, but God meant it for good."

Since God meant it for good, we must look beyond human causes for the
Divine Purpose.

God designed Christ's death for the good of the world. JOHN 3:16

What good did His death accomplish? For whom?

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HE WHO DIED WAS:

1. God become flesh Jn 1:1-2,14
2. Innocent 1 Pet 2:22
3. The One who chose to die.
His Heavenly Father ordained it.
He embraced it. Jn 10:17-18
4. He Who rose again from the dead Lk 24:36-48; 1Cor 15:1-8;
Acts 1:3; 1Cor 15:12-20

REASONS WHY JESUS CAME TO DIE

1. TO ABSORB THE WRATH OF GOD

Gal 3:13; Rom 3:25; 1Jn 4:10

If God were not just, there would be no demand for His Son to suffer and die.

If God were not loving, there would be no willingness for His Son to suffer and die.

But God IS both JUST and LOVING.
Therefore His LOVE is WILLING

The requirement Deut 6:5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

The reality Men have dishonored God by preferring other things over God.
We glorify what we enjoy most and it isn't God.

The requirement Deut 27:26 "Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them."

The reality Rom 7:7-25 "the wishing is present in me, but the doing of good is not"; "I am of flesh"; "I am sold into bondage to sin"

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Man is continually committing crimes against God.
God feels a Holy Wrath against man.
Rom 6:23; Ezk 18:4

GOD'S SOLUTION:

- a. God sends His own Son to absorb His wrath and bear the curse for all who trust Him.
Gal 3:13
- b. A substitute is provided by God.
Jesus Christ does not just cancel the wrath; He absorbs it and diverts it from us to Himself.
God's wrath is just, and it was spent (satisfied), not withdrawn.
- c. 1 John 4:10

2. TO PLEASE HIS HEAVENLY FATHER

Eph 5:2

What Jesus did when He suffered and died was the Father's idea; the Plan was from before Creation and was part of the planned History of the World. 2 Tim 1:19

Christ's suffering was an act of perfect submission and obedience to the Will of the Father. Eph 5:2

For humanity's sake, God poured out His wrath on His own Son and the Son's willingness to receive it was precious in God's sight.

The Second Adam was everything that the first Adam was not. Rom 5:12-21

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3. TO LEARN OBEDIENCE AND BE PERFECTED

Heb 5:8; 2:10

A. In every way Christ was "tested" as we are, without sin.

Heb 4:15

B. Although Christ was the Divine Son of God, He was fully human -

meaning that He:

i. was hungry

Matt 21:18

ii. experienced anger and grief

Mk 3:5

iii. experienced pain

Matt 17:12

C. He didn't learn to stop disobeying.

With each new trial, He learned in practice and in pain, what it means to obey.

He was not gradually getting rid of defects, but rather, He was gradually fulfilling the perfect righteousness that He had to have in order to meet our every need.

Matt 3:15

D. His suffering fulfilled His true humanity and made Him able to call us brethren.

Heb 2:17

E. He was perfected perfectly - 1 Pet 2:22 - without any involvement of sin.

4. TO ACHIEVE HIS OWN RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

A. The Death of Christ did not merely precede His resurrection -

IT WAS THE PRICE THAT OBTAINED IT!

God brought Him back from the dead "by the blood of the Eternal Covenant". Heb 13:20-21; Mt 26:28

He was raised, not after, but by the blood-shedding!

B. What the death of Christ accomplished was so full and so perfect that the resurrection was the reward and vindication of Christ's achievement in death.

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C. The resurrection proves that the death of Jesus is an all-sufficient price.

If Jesus did not rise, then His death was a failure.

1 Cor 15:17

D. Rom 6:4 We have joined Him in death "in order that" as Christ was raised from the dead, so we will also

5. TO DEMONSTRATE THE EXTENT OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE FOR SINNERS

A. The measure of God's love for us is shown by two things:

i. The degree of His sacrifice in saving us from the penalty of our sin



JOHN 3:16

HE GAVE HIS OWN DIVINE SON

HIS ONLY SON

THE KING OF THE WORLD - ISA 9:6-7

ADDED TO THAT: HE EMBRACED THE HORRIFIC DEATH BY
CRUCIFIXION

ii. The degree of unworthiness that we had when He saved us

IT WAS ALL "THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE"

Eph 1:7; Rom 5:7-8

We add NOTHING to His accomplishment.

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6. TO DEMONSTRATE CHRIST'S OWN LOVE FOR BELIEVERS

Eph 5:2,25; GAL 2:20; JN 15:13

A. We should see the death of Christ personally

"He loved me. He gave Himself for me."

Rom 9:22-23

B. He paid the highest price possible to give me the greatest gift possible. Jn 17:24

He died to secure this for us. That is the Love of Christ.

7. TO CANCEL THE LEGAL DEMANDS OF THE LAW

Col 2:13

A. Should we think that our good deeds will one day outweigh our bad deeds

i. Our good deeds are defective

Rom 10:3 versus 1Pet 4:11; Rom 3:19

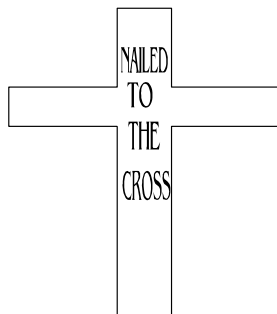
ii. There is no salvation by balancing the records.

There is only salvation by canceling records.

The record of our bad deeds must be blotted out - not balanced.

This was done when the record of our deeds was

COL 2:13



We must be "perfect" as our Heavenly Father is perfect to continue with Him.

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8. TO BECOME A RANSOM FOR MANY -Mk 10:45

FOR ALL - 1Tim 2:5-6

A. Who received the ransom?

i. Not Satan - What happened to Satan when Christ died was not payment but defeat.

ii. God?

Eph 5:2 "Christ gave Himself up...an offering to God"

Heb 9:14 "offered Himself...to God"

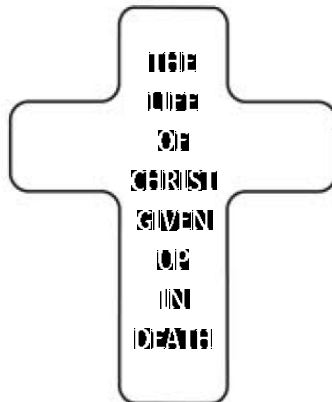
B. The need behind the ransom

Rom 3:23 with Rom 8:1

Rom 2:2

C. The ransom price of this release from God's condemnation is

THE LIFE OF CHRIST GIVEN UP IN DEATH



9. FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF (OUR) SINS

A. When we forgive a debt, we don't require a payment for settlement

If repayment is made to us for what we have done forgiveness is not the focus - receiving what we deserve is (recompense)

B. Forgiveness assumes grace

If I am injured by you, grace lets it go.
I forgive you.
Grace gives what someone doesn't deserve.

That's why "forgiveness" has the word "give" in it.

Forgiveness is not getting even - it is giving away the right to get even.

That is what God does to us when we trust Christ.

Acts 10:43

Isa 43:25

Ps 103:12

Eph 1:7 "through His blood"

NOTE: FORGIVENESS ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH.

In serious cases (murder), a judge cannot simply say, "Are you sorry? Okay, you're forgiven. You may go."

In cases like these, justice is required.

This justice must be clearly seen.

ROMANS 3: 21-26

It cost us nothing ----- called grace

It cost Jesus His life -----called justice

Christ's blood made it right for God to do this!

10. TO COMPLETE THE OBEDIENCE THAT BECOMES
OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

PRELIMINARY UNDERSTANDING - Being justified before God and being forgiven by God are not identical.
To be justified is not the same as being forgiven.

Being forgiven has as its focus the fact that I am guilty and my crime is not counted.

Being justified implies that I am vindicated - "NOT GUILTY".

JUSTIFYING is a legal act.

The verdict of justification does not make a person just.
It **DECLARES** a person just.

The moral change we undergo when we trust Christ is called SANCTIFICATION.

Justification is not that process.
Justification is not a process at all.
Justification is a **DECLARATION**; A **VERDICT:JUST, RIGHTEOUS!**

Christ shed His blood to cancel the guilt of our crime.
"justified by His blood" Rom 5:9

Canceling our failures to keep the law is not the same as declaring us to be a law-keeper.
Canceling our sins is not the same as declaring us righteous.

GUILTY - FORGIVENESS - INNOCENT - BLOOD OF CHRIST - RIGHTEOUS

Prov 17:15 "He who justifies the wicked is an abomination to the Lord"
Rom 4:5 "Him who justifies the ungodly"

Why is it not abominable for God to justify the ungodly by faith?

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Philippians 2:8

Romans 5:19

2Corinthians 5:21

Philippians 3:9

Justification is the imputation of Christ's righteousness to me.
I do not have a righteousness that commends me to God.
My claim: not having a righteousness of my own - but that which comes through faith in Christ.

Christ fulfilled all righteousness perfectly; and then that righteousness was reckoned to be mine the moment I trusted in Him.

God looked on Christ's perfect righteousness, and He declared me to be righteous with the righteousness of Christ.
(AGAIN: NOT A PROCESS BUT A DECLARATION)

TWO REASONS WHY IT IS NOT ABOMINABLE FOR GOD TO JUSTIFY THE UNGODLY

- a. The death of Christ paid the debt of our unrighteousness
- b. The obedience of Christ provided the righteousness we needed to be justified in God's Court.

The demands of God for entrance into Eternal Life are not merely that our unrighteousness be canceled, but that our perfect righteousness be established.

- a. His suffering is the suffering that our unrighteousness deserved
Isa 53:5
- b. His suffering and death were also the climax and completion of the Obedience that became the basis of our justification.
Phil2:8

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Christ's Death became the basis of our pardon and our perfection!

2 Cor 5:21

- i. Our sin was imputed to Him, the Sinless One, and became the basis of our pardon.
- ii. Christ's righteousness is imputed to us and became our perfection.

May Christ be honored for His whole achievement in suffering and dying!

Both for the work of:

- a. pardoning our sin
- b. providing our righteousness

11. TO TAKE AWAY OUR CONDEMNATION

ROMANS 8:1

To be "in Christ" means to be in relationship to Him.
By Faith - His death has become our death - and
His perfection has become our perfection

Rom 6:3-4

Romans 8:34

Our Faith is not the ground for our acceptance with God.

CHRIST ALONE IS

Faith unites us to Christ and therefore makes us acceptable to God.

Condemnation is gone, not because there isn't any, but because it has already happened.

We do experience the world's condemnation - but:

- a. If God is for us; no one can be successfully against us.
- b. If they reject us; He accepts us.
- c. If they hate us; He loves us.
- d. If they afflict us; He refines us.
- e. If they kill us; the passage to Paradise is before us.

They cannot defeat us.

Christ has died. Christ has risen.

IT IS FINISHED!

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12. TO INAUGURATE A NEW AND LIVING ACCESS TO GOD

A NEW COVENANT

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

HEBREWS 9:15-28

MARK 14:24

2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-12

We are born again under a New Covenant; The New Covenant of LIFE.
Hebrews 10:1-18

13. TO MAKE US HOLY, BLAMELESS, AND PERFECT

HEBREWS 10:14

COLOSSIANS 1:22

We are perfected forever. Heb 10:14
Even perfected - we are "wretched men". Rom 7:24

Phil 3:12-16 "Not that I...have already become perfect"
But - I press on so that I may lay hold of that
(perfection) for which I was laid hold of....
as many as are perfect, have this attitude

1Cor5:6-8 We have been made unleavened in Christ.
So - We should now become unleavened in
practice - BECOME WHAT WE ARE!

We fight against our sin, not simply to become perfect, but because
we are perfect. Rom 6:1-4

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14. TO GIVE US A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

HEBREWS 9:14

From Adam forward - sin defiles the Conscience.

The sense of guilt is ruinous.

- a. Man's relation with God - We hid from Him.
- b. Man's relation with Man - We blame each other.
- c. Man's peace with himself - We are ashamed!

A Guilty Conscience could not be helped before Christ's death.

Religious acts "cannot make the worshipper perfect in conscience."

Heb 9:9-10

The blood of Christ offered does make the worshipper perfect in conscience.

Heb 9:14

In every age man's conscience condemns him.

We don't feel free to come to God.

No matter what good work we do, the strain remains and death terrifies.

External things are not the problem; its what proceeds from our hearts.

Mk 7:15-23

They come from death, and they lead to death.

**The ONLY ANSWER - IS - THE BLOOD OF CHRIST
(THE ONLY CLEANSING AGENT IN THE UNIVERSE!)**

15. TO OBTAIN FOR US ALL THINGS THAT ARE GOOD FOR US

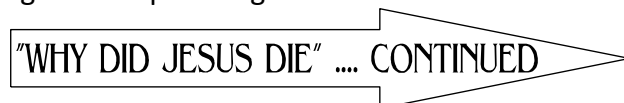
If God did the hardest thing of all, then it is certain that He will do the comparatively easy thing. Rom 8:32

What does "give us all things" mean?

- a. All things we really need in order to be conformed to the image of His Son
Rom 8:29

- b. Every need supplied - Phil 4:19 - is found in a context
All things include.....

The suffering and death of Christ guarantee that God will give us every "good and perfect gift."

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16. TO HEAL US FROM MORAL AND PHYSICAL SICKNESS

Disease and death came in with sin as part of God's judgment on creation. God subjected the world to the futility of physical pain to show the horror of moral evil.

Rom 8:20; 5:12 (Christians are not excluded. Rom 8:23)

Christ came into the world to die and thereby accomplish global redemption. Christ was successful.

Because of this success, there will be a new earth and new bodies.

Death will be swallowed up by Everlasting Life!

Rev 21:1-4; 1Cor 15:20-22, 54; 2Cor 5:4-5; Isa 65:25

The death of Christ - Isa 53:5

Not a reworked present body but a new body

17. TO PROVIDE THE (ONLY) WAY FOR GOD TO GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO FALLEN HUMANS

JOHN 3:16

NOTE: In our happiest times we do not want to die.

We wish for death only when our suffering seems unbearable.

In those times, relief, not death, is our real desire.

We would love for the good times to come again.

We want life and happiness.

God made us that way. Ecc 3:11

We are created in God's image and God loves life and lives forever.

Eternal Life is not merely the extension of this life. It is God's life.

It is all that is good. It is supreme and ever-increasing happiness where all sin and all sadness will be gone.

All that is evil and harmful is removed.

All that is good, true, and brings lasting happiness will be preserved, purified, and intensified.

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18. TO DELIVER US FROM THIS PRESENT EVIL AGE

GAL 1:4

THE AGE (TIME; PLACE; CONDITIONS) which we were born into.

1. An age when Satan is given freedom to deceive and destroy.
1 Jn 5:19
2. This "god of this world" has as his main aim to blind people.
2 Cor 4:4
3. Until we are saved, we live in sync with the present evil age and the ruler of it.
Eph 2:2-3
4. What felt like freedom, was bondage.
2 Pet 2:19

JESUS DIED that we might remain in it while at the same time, being delivered from it - not out of it, BUT, delivered from the power of the evil in it.

Jn 17:15

1. As a result of Christ's "saving work" we are told to be free.
Rom 12:1-2
2. to become "wise"
1 Cor 3:18-19; 1 Cor 1:23-24

When Christ went to the cross, He exposed the devil's fraud and broke his power.

19. TO RECONCILE US TO GOD

ROM 5:10

THE RECONCILIATION

1. Our attitude toward God must be changed from defiance to faith
God's attitude to us must be changed from wrath to mercy
2. There are differences between the two:
 - a. I need God's help to change
God does not need mine
 - b. My change will have to come from without
God's change originates in His own nature

NOTE: Overall, it is not a change in God at all. It is God's own planned action to

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3. Rom 5:10 While we were enemies - the first "change" was God's, not ours - that change was brought about by Christ's death (NOTE: Rom 8:7)
4. God's first act in reconciling us to Himself was to remove the obstacle that made reconciliation necessary.

2 Cor 5:19

5. God's second act is sending "ambassadors" 2Cor 5:20
Their message is not "change your attitude toward God."
It is "receive the finished work of God in Christ to reconcile Himself to
"you."

6. Consider Matt 5:23-24 "Be reconciled to your brother" means to do what you
must so that your brothers' judgment against you will be removed.

With man and God - God has already done that.
He took the steps to remove His own judgement.
Reconciliation from our side is to receive what God has already
done.

20. TO BRING US TO GOD

1 PET 3:18; EPH 2:13

GOD IS THE GOSPEL.

GOSPEL MEANS "GOOD NEWS".

CHRISTIANITY IS NOT THEOLOGY.

IT IS "NEWS".

It is like prisoners of war hearing by hidden radio that the Allies have
landed and rescue is only a matter of time.
The guards wonder why all the rejoicing!

GOD IS THE GOOD NEWS!

1. Salvation is not good news if it only saves from hell and not for God.
2. Forgiveness is not good news if it only gives relief from guilt and
doesn't bring us to God.
3. Justification is not good news if it only makes us legally acceptable to
God but doesn't result in fellowship with God.

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4. Redemption is not good news if it only liberates us from bondage but
doesn't bring us to God.
5. Adoption is not good news if it only puts us in a family but doesn't put
us in God's arms.
6. The Gospel and the Salvation it brings will make us happy because it
brings us to God Himself!

Ps 16:11

7. Heb 11:25-26 There is the "passing pleasures of sin" and there is the Eternal pleasure of having God.

INVITATION REV 22:17,20

21. TO GIVE US "CONFIDENT ACCESS" (TO ENTER) THE HOLY PLACE By THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Heb 10:19

1. The Old Testament structures and practices were a shadow of the reality which belongs to Christ
Heb 10:1a
2. God instructed Moses in his building of the Tabernacle.
3. He told Moses that what he was going to build was a copy or shadow of "reality" in Heaven.
Ex 25:40
(every piece was representative of some reality in Heaven)
(vs 23-39)
4. The priesthood also pictured heavenly reality
Heb 8:3-5
SO all the worship practices of Israel in the Old Testament point toward something "real" in Heaven.
5. The ability to enter the presence of God is central to the "picture".
Heb 9:1-15
6. The curtain of the Temple was a sign of the fact that the way to God was not accessible.
Heb 9:8; Ex 26:33

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7. The moment Christ died, the temple was torn from top to bottom, meaning that the outer sanctuary and the Holy of Holies has now become one room.
Matt 27:51

8. What does this mean?

Heb 10:19-20

- a. Without Christ the Holiness of God had to be protected from us.
- b. After Christ's death, we enter directly in with no fear on our part and no harm to God.

22. TO BECOME THE PLACE WHERE WE MEET GOD

Ex 25:17-22; Jn 2:19-21

Jesus drew the connection between the Jewish Temple and His own body because He came to take the place and function of the Temple as the meeting place with God.

1. All the Old Testament ritual would pass away; He would remain.
2. The Temple was a place which God occasionally filled
Jesus is greater than the Temple. Mtt 12:6
In Him the fullness of God dwells bodily. Col 2:9
3. God met the people in the Temple through many imperfect mediators.
Jesus is THE MEDIATOR. 1 Tim 2:5
4. Christianity has no geographical center.
Wherever believers are - Jesus is!
Jn 4:20-23 Not in this mountain or in that city but
in Spirit and in Truth.
Do we want to see God? Jn 14:9
Do we want to receive God? Mtt 10:40
Do we want to honor the Father? Jn 5:23
Do we want to confess our God? 1 Jn 2:23
5. When Christ died and rose again, the Old Temple was replaced by the globally accessible Christ!

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23. RANSOMED FROM THE FUTILE WAYS INHERITED FROM OUR FOREFATHERS WITH PRECIOUS BLOOD

Pet 1:18-19

We all come with baggage.
When Christ died, God had a view to the relationship between us
and our families (ancestors).
He set us free from them.

24. THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SIN AND LIVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 Pet 2:24

He died that we might live and He died that we might die.

Rom 6:5; 2Cor 5:14; Gal 2:20; Col 2:12; Rom 6:13

25. SO THAT WE WOULD DIE TO THE LAW AND BEAR FRUIT FOR GOD

Rom 7:4

Sin was not the only reality that killed Jesus and us. So did the
Law of God.

1. When we break the Law, the Law sentences us to death.

Rom 4:15; Rom 7:7-13

There is no escape from the curse of the law -

IT IS JUST - WE ARE GUILTY!

2. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a
curse for us.

Gal 3:13

3. The law's power to rule us is broken (as soon as we are
in Christ)

a. the law's demands have been fulfilled by Christ.

b. the law's penalty has been paid by Christ.

4. Getting right with God is not based on law-keeping.

Rom 3:20; Gal 2:16; Rom 3:28

5. Instead of belonging to the law which demands and condemns,
we now belong to Christ who leads and gives.

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6. Formerly, righteousness was demanded from without - letters written
in stone.

Now righteousness rises from within as a product of relationship with
Christ.

7. A Living Person Has Replaced a Lethal List 2 Cor 3:6

8. Our obedience to God is now fruit-bearing rather than law-keeping.
Rom 7:4

**26. TO ENABLE US TO LIVE FOR CHRIST AND NOT
OURSELVES** 2Cor 5:15

CHRIST DIED FOR THE GLORY OF CHRIST.

1. Christ's dying for His own glory and His dying to show love
ARE BOTH THE SAME.
2. He is the only human in the universe who benefits another
human by transforming them into His own likeness because
of WHO HE IS.
Heb 1:3; thus Phil 3:7-8
3. He died to wean us from the poisonous person we were and
transform us to be like Him.
4. NOT Acts 17:25 BUT Mk 10:45
5. He sent the Holy Spirit to make this transaction a reality.
Jn 16:14; Jn 17:24

27. TO MAKE HIS CROSS THE GROUND OF ALL BOASTING
Gal 6:14

1. The Cross of Christ enables every other legitimate boast. His
suffering absorbed all the judgement that guilty sinners
deserved and purchased all the good that forgiven sinners
enjoy.
2. Everything good, and everything bad that God works for good,
was purchased by Christ on the Cross.

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28. TO ENABLE US TO LIVE BY FAITH IN HIM Gal 2:20

1. "I have been crucified" but "I now live" - NOT PARADOXICAL -
JUST SEQUENTIAL.

There was an "I" who died....AND....There is a different "I" who lives.

2 Cor 5:17; Eph 2:5-6

NOTE: The new self is Christ living in me.

2. From the Divine side, Christ is living in us and enabling us to live. IT'S HIS WORK.
But from our side, it's experienced by trusting Him moment by moment.

29. TO GIVE MARRIAGE ITS DEEPEST MEANING Eph 5:25

Christ came for His bride and died for her to display the way marriage was meant to be. This truth goes all the way back to the beginning.

Eph 5:31-32

The mystery of Christ and His church was the first act that God chose to display.

All His sufferings were intended to reveal the deepest meaning of the marriage plan.

SIN MAKES MARRIAGES MISERABLE

CHRIST SHOWS US HOW THEY ARE MADE GOOD.

30. TO CREATE A PEOPLE, PASSIONATE FOR GOOD WORKS

Titus 2:14

1. We are forgiven and accepted by God, not because we have done good works, but to make us able and zealous to do them.

2 Tim 1:9

Good deeds are not the foundation of our acceptance, but the fruit of it.

Eph 2:8-9

2. Saved FOR good works, NOT BY good works!

Eph 2:10

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3. Not the mere ability to do them - BUT PASSION TO DO THEM.

Titus 2:14

4. Christian purity is not the mere avoidance of evil, BUT,
the PURSUIT of good!

5. What are these 'good works'?
Titus 3:14

6. God is shown to be glorious by our good deeds.
Matt 5:16
FOR THAT GLORY - CHRIST SUFFERED AND DIED.

THEY GET HELP - WE GET JOY GOD GETS GLORY!

31. CALLED US TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE OF LOWLINESS AND COSTLY LOVE

1Pet 2:19-21; Heb 12:3-4; Phil 2:5-8

IMITATION IS NOT SALVATION - BUT - Salvation brings
imitation.

Christ comes to us first as Savior, then as Model.

After sinners are pardoned and justified they are called
and enabled to act like Jesus.

Our suffering for others does not remove the wrath of
God. It shows the value of having the wrath of God
removed by the suffering of Christ.

2Tim 2:10

Our suffering is crucial, but CHRIST'S SUFFERING
ALONE saves.

Therefore, we are to imitate His love, not take His place.

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32. TO CREATE A BAND OF CRUCIFIED FOLLOWERS

Lk 9:25; Matt 10:38

1. Jesus need not die again, but we must die.

When He calls us to take up our cross, he means come and die.

Rom 6:11

2. Jesus died and now asks us to be willing to bear His reproach.

Heb 13:12-13; Rev 12:11

3. The Lamb of God shed His blood that we might defeat the devil by trusting in His blood and shedding ours.

33. TO FREE US FROM BONDAGE TO THE FEAR OF DEATH

Heb 2:14-15

The "fear of death" is not being killed. It is damning!

The devils' power to damn human beings lies not in himself, but in the sins that he inspires and the lies that he tells.

The one lethal weapon he has, is the power to deceive us. His chief lie is that self-exaltation, and sin are preferable to righteousness.

1. Once Christ took our sins upon Himself, they could not be used by the devil to destroy us.

Taunt us? YES Mock us? YES Damn us? NO

When Christ died for our sins, He took from the devil his one lethal weapon: unforgiven sin.

2. The fear of death enslaves. Jesus died to set us free. We are the most free of all people.

3. Rom 8:31-39; Gal 5:13; Rom 6:1

"WHY DID JESUS DIE" CONTINUED

34. TO SECURE OUR RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

Rom 6:5; Rom 8:11; 2Tim 2:11; 1Thes 4:14

NOTE: It has been said: "The keys of death were hung on the inside of Christ's tomb."

Christ did many wonderful works, including raising people from the dead - (only to die again!).

If any were to be raised from the dead, never to die again, Christ would have to die for them, enter the tomb, take the keys, and unlock the door of death from the inside!

1. He ... became obedient to the point of death. Therefore, God...

Phil 2:8-9

2. Jesus said "It is finished"

Jn 19:30

He (Father) will see it and be "satisfied"

Isa 53:11

He, Himself bore the sin....

Isa 53:12

3. If the dead are not raised...If Christ has not been raised

1Cor 15:16-22

a. your faith is worthless

b. you are still in your sins

But now Christ has been raised...in Christ all shall be made alive....

Paying for our sin, providing our righteousness and satisfying God's justice was finished in the death of Christ -

He died; we will be raised!

Rev 1:18

1Cor 6:14

Jn 11:25

1Cor 15:49-58

"WHY DID JESUS DIE" CONTINUED

35. TO DISARM THE RULERS AND AUTHORITIES

Col 2:14-15; 1Jn 3:8

Who was disarmed

Eph 6:12; Jn 12:31

How were they disarmed

Col 2:14-15

The ultimate declaration

Rev 12:10

Christ canceled our debt and Satan has no grounds to accuse

Rom 8:33

Neither man nor Satan can make a charge stick.

THE LEGAL CASE IS CLOSED.

36. TO "TIP" THE POWER OF GOD

Rom 1:16; 1Cor 1:18

GOOD NEWS - Something significant has happened!

The Good News is the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

1Cor 15:1-7 (Good News about facts)

Power that Christ died to unleash

1Cor 1:18

Why don't all see this?

2Cor 4:4; 1Cor 2:14

NOTE: The "Calling" of God; the merciful act of God of removing natural deadness and Satanic blindness so that we can see Christ and that which He has done.

37. TO DESTROY THE HOSTILITY THAT EXISTS BETWEEN HUMANS

Eph 2:13-15

38 TO RANSOM PEOPLE FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION

Rev 5:9

Christ died to save a great diversity of people.

Jn 12:32; Ps 22:27; Lk 24:46-47; Mt 28:19; Jn 1:29;
Rom 10:12-13

"WHY DID JESUS DIE" CONTINUED

39. TO GATHER ALL HIS SHEEP FROM AROUND THE "WORLD"

Jn 11:51-52

"He prophesied that Jesus would die... to gather unto one, the children of God who are scattered abroad"

Jn 10:16 "There will be one flock, one Shepherd"
All over the world there are people whom God has chosen to be reached and saved by Jesus Christ.

The children of God are scattered abroad.

Acts 13:46-49; Jn 6:37; 17:6

NOTE: God calls His people to go make disciples - BUT -
He also goes before them.

Jn 10:3-4

40. TO RESCUE US FROM FINAL JUDGEMENT

Heb 9:28

We have been saved. Eph 2:8

We are being saved. 1 Cor 1:18

We will be saved. Rom 13:11

At every stage we are saved by the death of Christ.

In the past - our sins were paid for by Christ Himself.

In the present - progressively, from the domination and
contamination of sin

In the future - from the wrath of God to come.

There is a wrath to come:

Heb 10:27; 12:28-29; Mt 3:7; 2Thes 1:7-9; Rev 14:10-11

For believers there is: 1Thes1:10

Wrath is the consequence for sin.

Sin was dealt with "once for all."

No need for any more sacrifices.

Our shield from future wrath is the result of God's spent wrath in
the past, on Christ.

"WHY DID JESUS DIE" CONTINUED

41. FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM, HE ENDURED THE CROSS

Heb 12:2

The joy set before Him

Ps 16:11

Heb 1:3-4

Lk 15:3-7

Jn 15:11

The road to joy

Jn 16:33

Mt 10:24-25

Lk 21:16-17

Mt 5:11-12

Our approach to the road

Rom 8:18

Ps 30:5

NOTE: If Jesus had not willingly died, He would have been disobedient.

He could not be forever glad.

We would have perished in our sins.

His joy and ours were both acquired at the Cross.

42. SO THAT HE WOULD BE CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR

Heb 2:9; Phil 2:7-9; Rev 5:12

His glory was the reward of His suffering.

The suffering and death of Jesus Christ did not merely precede the Crown.

THE SUFFERING WAS THE PRICE

AND

THE CROWN WAS THE PRIZE.

HE, JESUS, DIED TO HAVE IT!

"WHY DID JESUS DIE" CONTINUED

43. SO THAT WE WOULD BE WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER DEATH

1Thes 5;10 Phil 1:21,23; 2 Cor 5:8

The Bible does not view our bodies as bad. DEATH IS THE ENEMY.

When our body dies, we lose something precious.

Christ is not against the body, but for the body.

1 Cor 6:13

Christ died not only to redeem the body, but also to bind the soul so closely to Himself that, even without the body, we are with Him.

2 Cor 5:1-9

When our souls are in Heaven and our bodies are in the grave - we gain - Phil 1:21; far better than being alive - Phil 1:23

Far better! Yet not the best. That will come when we are raised.

To die means to be with Christ (at home with 2 Cor 5:8).

To be raised means not only to continue to be with the Lord but also to regain our bodies perfected forever.

"WHY DID JESUS DIE" CONTINUED

**44. TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE WORST EVIL IS MEANT FOR THE
GREATEST GOOD**

The Heart of the Bible is not an explanation of where evil came from but a demonstration of how God works it for good.

Acts 4:27-28; Gen 50:20

Every act of treachery and brutality against Jesus was sinful and evil, but God was in it. Acts 2:23

The lash on His back

The thorns on His head

The spit on His face

The nails in His hands

The spear in His side

The scorn of the rulers

The desertion of His friends

...were all the result of sin and all designed by God to destroy the power of sin.

There is no greater sin than to hate and kill the Son of God.

Yet - God was in it. Isa 53:10; 53:5

In the death of Christ, God has shown that there is no sin or evil too great that God cannot from it bring everlasting righteousness and joy.

The very suffering that we caused became the hope of our salvation.

