

## WE ARE SAVED BY JESUS' LIFE

The Second Person of the Trinity is Creator and Sustainer of all Heavens and Earth. The First Person of the Trinity has given all power and authority over Creation to the Son of God. All Judgment is in His hands. Judgment, power, and authority has always been in the hands of the Son of God even before the Cross (John 5:22; 13:3). The Son of God came down from Heaven and became human flesh. The purpose for God in human flesh is to condemn sin and remove sin from all Creation. The condemnation of sin to the utmost could only be accomplished by sin killing the sinless Jesus. The meaning of "Jesus bore our sin" is that all sin of all time came against Jesus on the Cross and killed His physical body.

God has been condemning sin ever since Adam sinned in the Garden. All through every person's life, God continues to condemn personal sin. The Spirit convicts the world of sin, the need for righteousness, and the fact of judgment. World events continue to show the condemnation of sin. But the greatest condemnation of sin occurred at the Cross. What the Law was powerless to do, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so God condemned sin in sinful man. Sin killed the holy, righteous, sinless Son of God (Romans 8:3). The Courts of Heaven declare that sin is the atrocious evil it has always been, and sin is sentenced to removal from all Creation. The man, Jesus, has been proven to have the right of authority, power, and judgment. What Adam lost by his one sin, Jesus gained by His one act of righteousness. His one act of righteousness was a sinless death as the victim of sin (Romans 5:12-21).

A man was needed to gain what Adam lost. The Cross of Jesus was required to bring reconciliation and redemption. A sinless death of Jesus by illness would not suffice. The sinless death of Jesus had to condemn sin. Sin had to be allowed to kill Jesus.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is useless; you are still in your sins (1 Cor. 15:17). The sinless death of Jesus made possible salvation to all who believe and receive Him. It is the resurrected life of Jesus lived out in all who believe that gives eternal life, new birth, and salvation (Romans 5:10).

Gnosticism teaches that we are saved by His death, whereas the Bible teaches we are saved by His life. In summary, in order for God to create a world in which people have the freedom to do "otherwise",

evil was eventually inevitable. So God had to have a plan for freeing His creation from evil. From the beginning God knew that the defeat of evil would require the death of Jesus. And the death of Jesus would require two facets. The sinless death of Jesus would require the utmost condemnation of sin, and the sinless death of Jesus would give a “man” victory over sin. The “man” Jesus having victory over sin would give Jesus, the Second Adam, the right to reclaim all that Adam lost due to his one sin. Jesus’ victory over sin would also yield a better world, a new Heaven and new Earth made up of people who have seen evil first hand and gained the victory over it in Christ. The victory is found in Christ through His life lived out in the believer. I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live, yet not I but Christ in me (Galatians 2:20).

#### ROMANS 8:3

#### GOD CONDEMNED SIN

What God did to condemn sin. God sent His Son.

The sinless life of Jesus condemned sin in that people in His presence felt guilty and convicted of personal sin.

The sinless death of Jesus allowed sin to condemn itself for murdering the holy Son of God. Sin is therefore sentenced to removal from all creation.

#### ROMANS 8:4,14

#### GOD MAKES BELIEVERS SONS OF GOD

What God did in Christ to redeem those who believe and receive Jesus. God makes those in Christ a new creation led by the Spirit in which the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in them.