

The King's Cross Matthew 26-27

We all deserve death because of our sin and rebellion against God, but Christ died in our place. Now He offers us righteousness in place of sin, life in place of death, and a relationship with God in place of alienation. In response, He calls us to trust Him, rejoice in the life He has given, and follow in His footsteps.

Jesus suffered death in our place, and gave us life in exchange.

Why was it necessary?

- Our sin demanded justice.
- Our God is full of grace.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

What did it accomplish?

You were ransomed...with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb, without blemish or spot.

1 Peter 1:18-19

Righteousness in place of sin:

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Life in place of death:

[Jesus] died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:10

Relationship in place of alienation:

We have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us. Hebrews 10:19-20

How should we respond?

- **DON'T wallow in shame.**

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

- **DON'T try to repay.**
- **DO accept His gift (John 3:16).**
- **DO rejoice in His life.**

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:8, 11

- **DO follow His lead.**

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.

1 Peter 2:21

Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus...Present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.
Romans 6:11, 13b