



# CAPITOL COMMISSION™

## EASTER'S GOOD NEWS

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*The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is the most deplorable yet most necessary event in human history. From the beginning of time, God has demanded a sacrifice to deal with sin among fallen humanity. The Scriptures informs us "that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of Sin." God has always provided a satisfactory sacrifice to deal with man's most damnable plight. Without Christ's satisfactory sacrifice applied to your personal account, you will die in your sins and spend eternity separated from Him for all eternity. Please heed this study.*

*Paul reminds the church at Corinth that God made Christ—*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (These 15 Greek (24 English) words resolve the dilemma of reconciliation of how fallen man's sin-stained relationship to God can be restored.)*

The subject of the Crucifixion of Christ is the Reconciliation that restores and reunites man and God together. The Easter season is upon us and many thoughts flood our mind at this special season. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ—His death, burial, and resurrection, brings comfort to the soul, healing to the mind, and confidence in the God of the universe in that He alone has brought salvation to humanity. You can accept or reject its message. Just let me warn you, to reject God's plan of salvation is to reject the ONLY means of uniting an infinitely holy God to mankind who is by his very nature an utterly sinful people.

### THE BAD NEWS:

Mankind is estranged from God. Left to himself, he will never seek after God. Man has the plague of sin. This plague claims 100% of its victims. There is no escaping its effect. The Bible instructs us that the "soul that sins shall die" and death is this proof. Everyone to date has

died or has a death date coming. Death is a reality in the physical realm. Sin also has two disastrous consequences in the spiritual realm. Sin in this life produces alienation from God (Ephesians 2:12; 4:18; Colossians 1:21) and also unrelenting torment in hell for all eternity (Matthew 25:41, 46; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 14:9-11; 20:11-15).

Because Adam's fall plunged the entire human race into sin (Romans 5:12-21), all people are sinners by birth.

*1 Kings 8:46 "For there is no man who does not sin."*

*Psalm 51:5 "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."*

*Psalm 58:3 "The wicked are estranged from the womb; these who speak lies go astray from birth."*

Because every man sins he is a sinner by nature and a sinner by action. He will be held accountable for all his unrighteousness in thoughts, words and deeds.

*Romans 3:10 as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one."*

### THE GOOD NEWS:

The greatest news ever communicated to mankind is the "Good News of the Gospel." The good news of the Gospel is the cure for sinners infected by the disease of sin. Sin epidemic affects 100% of humanity because everyone misses the mark of God's standard—perfection.

God, in His infinite mercy, grace, wisdom, and love, provided the remedy for sin—the sacrifice of His son, the Lord Jesus Christ. His sacrifice released us from our sins by His blood.

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### BIBLE STUDIES

LEGISLATORS: WEDNESDAY AT 8:00AM, BLATT BUILDING ROOM 317

STAFF: MONDAYS AT 12:00 NOON, BLATT BUILDING ROOM 317

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**Revelation 1:5** *“To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood.”*

**Hebrews 10:14** *“For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.”*

Those who experience “redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of their trespass, according to the riches of His grace” (Ephesians 1:7) are cured from sin’s deadly spiritual effects. They have “passed out death into life” (John 5:24; 1 John 3:14), and are “no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizen with the saints, and are of God’s household” (Ephesians 2:19).

The deafening theme of 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 provides for us God’s glorious truth of reconciliation.

**OUR RESPONSE:** The Lord Jesus came according to God’s will (Acts 2:23; 1 Pet. 1:20) “to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45), or “for all” (1 Tim. 2:6). Though God “laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Is. 53:6; also 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13), yet Christ “has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God” (Eph. 5:2), so that those who believe in Him (Rom. 3:22) might receive atonement and “be saved from [God’s] wrath” (Rom. 5:9) through “the precious blood of Christ” (1 Pet. 1:19).<sup>1</sup>

No believer who truly understands the holiness of God’s, His wrath and the utter hopelessness that comes from personal sin will cherish his sin over the love that Christ has for him. The sinner will be captured and silenced by Christ’s divine love He has for him. It is only through Jesus Christ that God will present us “faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 24).

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<sup>1</sup> Youngblood, Ronald F., F. F. Bruce, R. K. Harrison, and Thomas Nelson Publishers. *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*. Rev. ed. of: Nelson's illustrated Bible dictionary.; “Atonement”. Nashville: T. Nelson, 1995.