

At The Heart Of The Gospel ~ Is The Message ~ That Our Salvation Was Accomplished ~ ¶¶

through Jesus' atoning work on the cross.

▶▶1 Cor. 15:3-4 (CSB), ~ For I passed on to you as most important ~ ¶¶

▷▷what I also received: ~¶¶

↳↳that ~ Christ died for our sins ~ according to the Scriptures, ~ that he was buried, ~ ¶¶

→→that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

In 1 Pet. 2:24 (NIV), ~ Peter gets into some of the details of the heart of the gospel.

▶▶(NIV) He himself ~ bore our sins in his body on the cross, ~ so that ~ ¶¶

▷▷we might ~ die to sins ~ and live for righteousness; ~ by his wounds ~ you have been healed.

▶▶Peter 1st declares ~ the nature of Jesus' sufferings.

▷▷(NIV) 24a, ~ He himself ~ bore our sins ~ in his body ~ on the cross.

▶▶Then he lists 3 practical results ~ of Jesus' atoning work for believers.

▷▷(NIV) 24b, ~ so that we might 1/12

↪↪①, ~ die to sins.

↪↪②, ~ live for righteousness.

↪↪And ③, ~ By his wounds [we] have been healed.

Okay, ~ now let's unpack 1 Pet. 2:24

Peter First Declares ~ The Nature ~ Of Jesus' Sufferings.

24a (NIV), ~ He himself ~ bore our sins ~ in his body ~ on the cross.

▶▶Notice: ~ ~ sins plural, ~ Jesus ~ bore [all of] our sins ~ in his body ~ on the cross, ~ ¶¶

▷▷not just ~ some ~ of our sins.

▷▷Col. 2:13, ~ And you, ~ who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh ~ [i.e., ~ before salvation], ~ ¶¶

↪↪God made alive ~ together with him, ~ having forgiven us ~ all ~ our trespasses.

But what does it mean ~ when Peter says ~ that Jesus bore our sins ~ in his body on the cross?

▶▶In Isaiah, ~ we see quite a good def.

▷▷Hundreds of years ~ before Jesus came, ~ Isaiah foresaw ~ ¶¶

↪↪Jesus' suffering & death for our sins. 2/12

▷▷ And he describes quite well ~ what ~~ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross ~ means.

▷▷ Is. 53:4-6 (NIV).

↳↳ Surely ~ he ~ took up our pain ~ and bore our suffering, ~~ yet ~ we considered him ~ punished by God, ~ stricken by him, ~ and afflicted. ~~ ¶¶

↳↳ But ~~ he was pierced ~ for our transgressions, ~~ he was crushed ~ for our iniquities; ~~ ¶¶

→→ the punishment ~ that brought us peace ~ was on him, ~~ and by his wounds ~ we are healed. ~~ ¶¶

↳↳ We all, ~ like sheep, ~ have gone astray, ~~ each of us ~ has turned to our own way; ~~ and the Lord ~ has laid on him ~ the iniquity of us all.

▶▶ Jesus substituted Himself for us.

▷▷ He died ~ in our place, ~ as the payment ~ for our sins.

↳↳ 2 Cor. 5:21, (NLT).

→→ For God made Christ, ~ who never sinned, ~ to be the offering ~~ for our sin, ~~ so that ~ we could be made right with God ~ through Christ.

↳↳ Look! ~~ The Lamb of God ~ who takes away the sin of the world!

After Declaring The Nature Of Jesus' Sufferings, ~ Peter Then, ~ As Noted, ~ ¶¶

Lists 3 Practical Results ~ Of Jesus' Atoning Work. 3/12

1st Practical Result, ~~~ 24a He Himself Bore Our Sins In His Body On The Cross, 24b So That We Might Die To Sins.

I.e., ~ Jesus' death ~ makes it possible for believers ~ to be free from both ~ the penalty ~ and the power of sin.

At the moment of conversion, ~ believers are freed ~ from the penalty of sin.

▶▶Rom. 8:1 (NLT), ~ So ~ now ~ there is no condemnation ~ for those who belong ~ to Christ Jesus.

▷▷No condemnation.

▷▷The point ~ Paul is making here, ~ is that condemnation ~ is, ~ in every sense, ~ ¶¶

↳↳out of the question ~ for those ~ who belong to Christ Jesus.

▶▶Recall that ~ in Eph. 1:7, ~ through Jesus, ~ believers have ~ the forgiveness of sins.

▷▷Remember, ~ the term forgiveness ~ means ~ to release ~ or ~ to cancel.

▷▷It thus denotes ~ a permanent release ~ from the punishment for sins, ~ ¶¶

↳↳which have been paid for ~ by Christ's sacrifice.

▷▷God ~ no longer holds the sins against us.

▷▷The psalmist beautifully illustrates this in Ps. 103:12 (NLT).

↳↳He has removed our sins ~ as far from us ~ as the east is from the west. 4/12

▶▶ And in Col. 2:14 (NLT), ~ Paul notes that ~ through Jesus, ~ God the Father ~ 77

▷▷ canceled the record of the charges against us ~ and took it away ~ by nailing it ~ to the cross.

▷▷ The Grk word for ~ canceled ~ means ~ 77

↳↳ to cause something to cease ~ by obliterating ~ any evidence.

→→ Quite a statement.

▷▷ When a person repents ~ and turns ~ to Jesus for salvation, ~ God the Father ~ 77

↳↳ obliterates ~ the charges against them.

▷▷ Through Isaiah, ~ God says ~ in Is. 43:25, ~ 77

↳↳ I, ~ I am he ~ who blots out your transgressions ~ for my own sake, ~ 77

→→ and ~ I will not remember your sins.

At the moment of conversion, ~ believers are also freed from ~ the power of sin.

▶▶ Prior to our conversion, ~ we were ~ slaves to sin.

▶▶ It was ~ an internal force ~ that we were enslaved to.

▶▶ When we come to Jesus for salvation, ~ 77

▷▷ we are liberated ~ from that enslavement. 5/12

▷▷Rom. 6:6.

↳↳We know ~ that our old self ~ was crucified with him ~ in order ~ that the body of sin ~ might be brought to nothing, ~ ¶¶

→→so that ~ we would no longer ~ be enslaved to sin.

▷▷And Rom. 6:17 (NIV).

↳↳But ~ thanks be to God ~ that, ~ though you used to be slaves to sin, ~ ¶¶

↳↳you have come to obey from your heart ~ the pattern of teaching ~ that has now claimed your allegiance.

This does not mean ~ sin has stopped affecting believers.

▶▶Christians are indeed ~ tempted by sin ~ and often yield to it.

▶▶But sin ~ is no longer ~ an internal force.

▶▶It is now ~ an external force ~ trying to regain control ~ by luring us ~ away from Christ.

▶▶TPID, ~ we still have ~ our sinful nature.

▷▷But ~ we don't have to obey it.

↳↳We are no longer ~ slaves to it.

▶▶& NT makes it clear, ~ that ~ as new creations in Christ, ~ we are not to obey it. 6/12

▷▷E.g., ~ Rom. 6:12-13 (NIV).

↳↳Therefore ~ do not let sin reign in your mortal body ~ so that ~ you obey its evil desires. ~ ~ ¶¶

→→Do not offer any part of yourself ~ to sin as an instrument of wickedness, ~ ¶¶

↳↳but rather ~ offer yourselves to God ~ as those ~ who have been brought from death to life; ~ ~ ¶¶

↳↳and offer ~ every part of yourself ~ to him ~ as an instrument of righteousness.

The 2nd Practical Result Jesus Achieved ~ Through Bearing Our Sins ~ In His Body On The Cross.

So that ~ we might live for righteousness.

▶▶I.e., ~ Jesus' death ~ makes it possible for believers ~ ¶¶

▷▷to live a life that is glorifying and pleasing to him.

At the moment of conversion, ~ we are given ~ powerful ~ spiritual resources ~ ¶¶

▶▶that enable us ~ to live such a life.

▶▶1st, ~ as we just talked about, ~ we are no longer slaves ~ to our sin nature.

▷▷So, ~ we can say no ~ to its temptations. 7/12

▶▶ In addition, ~ God the Holy Spirit ~ makes us new creations.

▷▷ Christians ~ are new people.

▷▷ The Holy Spirit gives us ~ new life.

↳↳ And we ~ are not the same anymore.

▷▷ Been given ~ a new ~ spiritual nature.

↳↳ One ~ which by instinct ~ wishes ~ to live for & please God.

▷▷ Quick side note.

↳↳ Unfortunately, ~ old is still hanging on.

→→ Marley's ghost

▷▷ Christians are not ~ reformed, ~ rehabilitated, ~ or ~ re-educated.

↳↳ We are ~ re-created.

→→ 2 Cor. 5:17b.

↳↳ If anyone is in Christ, ~~ he is a new creation. ~~ The old has passed away;
~~ behold, ~ the new has come.

▷▷ At conversion, ~ believers are not merely ~ turning over a new leaf.

↳↳ We begin ~ a new life ~ under a new Master. 8/12

▷▷ The old life ~ of sin and death ~ has gone.

↳↳ The ~ selfish, sinful ~ human nature ~ has been dealt ~ a death blow.

→→ Gal. 5:24 (NLT).

↳↳ Those who belong to Christ Jesus ~ have nailed ~ 77

↳↳ the passions and desires of their sinful nature ~ to his cross ~ and crucified them there.

▶▶ And another powerful resource ~ that enables us ~ 77

▷▷ to live a life ~ that is glorifying & pleasing to God.

▷▷ And i.e., ~ God himself.

↳↳ Phil. 2:13 (NLT).

→→ For God ~ is working in you, ~ giving you ~ the desire and the power ~ to do what pleases him.

▷▷ Now this ~ is great encouragement.

▷▷ Consider our natural state.

↳↳ In our sinful nature, ~ 77

→→ our inclination ~ is not ~ to desire or follow ~ what the Lord wants. 9/12

↪↪ We are inclined to do our own thing, ~ ~ 77

→→ to carry out ~ the desires of our fallen nature, ~ ~ to follow ~ the world and the devil.

▷▷ But praise God, ~ 77

↪↪ the Lord produces in believers ~ both ~ the desire and the enablement we need ~ to live for him.

Powerful resources ~ to aid us in our spiritual walk with the Lord.

▶▶ Wants us to succeed spiritually.

▶▶ So he gives us everything we need to do so.

▷▷ 2 Pet. 1:3 (NLT).

↪↪ By his divine power, ~ God has given us ~ everything we need ~ for living a godly life.

And Finally, ~ The Third Practical Result ~ Jesus Achieved ~ Through Bearing Our Sins In His Body ~ On The Cross.

By his wounds ~ [we] have been healed.

▶▶ Now, ~ at first glance, ~ this may seem ~ like Peter is talking about ~ physical healing.

▷▷ But please ~ don't make that mistake. 10/12

▶▶ Nothing in the context ~ points ~ to physical healing.

▷▷ Figuratively.

▶▶ Peter is speaking of ~ spiritual healing.

▶▶ He's likening our unsaved state ~ to a state ~ of spiritual sickness.

▷▷ Sin is a deadly cancer ~ that infects ~ every person, ~ ¶¶

↳↳ and of which ~ a person must be healed ~ or be lost forever.

▶▶ When Jesus ~ bore our sins in his body on the cross, ~ ¶¶

▷▷ he made complete spiritual healing available ~ ¶¶

↳↳ to all ~ who would call upon Him for salvation.

▶▶ At conversion, ~ a believer is healed of this spiritual cancer ~ ¶¶

▷▷ and restored to full spiritual health.

What A Savior.

He died ~ in our place, ~ as the payment ~ for our sins.

▶▶ At the moment of conversion, ~ believers are freed from ~ ¶¶

▷▷ the penalty of sin. 11/12

▶▶ At the moment of conversion, ~ believers are freed from ~ the power of sin.

▷▷ At that instant, ~ we are given powerful spiritual resources ~ that enable us ~ 77

↪↪ to live a godly life.

▶▶ At conversion, ~ a believer is ~ healed ~ of spiritual cancer ~ and restored ~ 77

▷▷ to full spiritual health.

We have much to celebrate ~ around the Lord's table today. 12/12