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**LESSON 9**

The Sacrifice of Jesus

To read: Ephesians 1-6

To learn: Galatians 5:24

**QUESTIONS**

We studied the death of Jesus, our saviour, in lesson 8. However a dead saviour, cannot be a saviour. We know that Jesus was resurrected from the dead... he is alive!

1. In 1 Corinthians 15:4, Jesus was buried and according to the scriptures the third day \_\_\_\_\_

2. We read in Romans 1:4, that Jesus was declared Son of God with power, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ That is to say that we have a saviour who now lives. We know that Jesus ascended to heaven (Acts 1:6-11, Luke 24:50-53).

3. Why is He there? (Romans 8:34) Christ Jesus, who \_\_\_\_\_ more than that, who was \_\_\_\_\_ is at the right hand of God and is also \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

4. In Hebrews 2:18, Jesus is our merciful and faithful high priest: "He is able to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_." (succour means to help) Now let us stop and consider some questions. Jesus is our saviour, but what does he save us from? For what reason did Jesus die?

5. In Romans 6:23, what is the wages of sin?

6. James 1:15 says, "And sin, when it is full- grown, gives birth to \_\_\_\_\_."

7. According to Romans 8:7-8, the carnal (sinful) mind \_\_\_\_\_ So then those controlled by the sinful nature

\_\_\_\_\_ That is to say we deserve to die, because we are sinners. Sin separates us from the love of God and communion with God. We are condemned to death through sin, and this applies to all men and women.

Salvation means being freed from sin and eternal death. However, how can we be saved from our sins and from the condemnation of death which weighs on all men and women?

8. Paul says in Romans 4:7, "Blessed are they whose transgressions are \_\_\_\_\_ and whose sins are covered."

9. Ephesians 1:7 says, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

10. In Acts 13:38, Paul proclaims, "My brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins is proclaimed to you."

These passages teach us that the only way to be freed from sin and death is to receive God's forgiveness of our sins. To receive "redemption" or "salvation" means to receive forgiveness of sins.

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However, for God to forgive our sins, it is necessary for us to repent, in other words, it is necessary for us to learn to recognise and fight against the power of sin in ourselves (see lesson 6 of this course).

What's more, the Bible tells us that we must put our old sinful man to death, just as Christ literally died on the cross. In this way, we participate in the death of Christ, as if we had died with him. The death of Christ is a pattern which we must imitate spiritually through baptism. Carefully study the following passages:

11. Romans 6:6-8, "For we know that our \_\_\_\_\_ self was \_\_\_\_\_ so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to \_\_\_\_\_ because anyone who has \_\_\_\_\_ has been from sin. Now if we \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."

12. Galatians 2:20, "I have been \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ."

13. Galatians 5:24, "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have \_\_\_\_\_ the flesh with the affections and lusts." We must die spiritually with Christ in order to live eternally with him. Christ is the perfect example provided by God. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have \_\_\_\_\_ their sinful nature with its passions and desires. We must also live our lives according to the example that Christ set, rejecting the influence of our sinful heart. (Matthew 15:18-20)

14. This is the meaning of the famous verse in John 3:16, "For God so the \_\_\_\_\_ world, that he gave His \_\_\_\_\_ that whosoever believes in him should not \_\_\_\_\_ but: have \_\_\_\_\_." To participate in the death of Christ is the deepest form of repentance and God will only forgive those who repent in this way.

15. According to Luke 14:27, who cannot be a disciple of Jesus? "Anyone who does not carry \_\_\_\_\_."

When we are baptised we spiritually die with Christ and we commit ourselves to making the death of our old sinful man a reality in our lives. This is the active role we must take for our own salvation.

16. This is then why the Lord Jesus died. (Ephesians 2:13-18) "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were \_\_\_\_\_ have been brought \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_."

(v16) "To \_\_\_\_\_ both (Jew & Gentile) to God through \_\_\_\_\_."

2 Timothy 1:10 says, "It has now been revealed...through Christ Jesus who has \_\_\_\_\_ and has brought \_\_\_\_\_ to light through the Gospel."