

God-The Ultimate Humanitarian

Chapter 10: A Humanitarian by Dying for Us

What we often forget is that sin is very personal to God. It is not just a misstep, a bad decision, or a lapse in judgment. Sin is ugly and terrible. It is a betrayal of God. Sin is slapping God in the face.

What would you expect from someone who treated you terribly? You would expect nothing. Yet, in his love, Jesus is ready and willing to do something for you. He is willing to do for you more than you would ever expect.

Jesus is ready and willing to die in your place so that your sins will be washed away.

Today, we see the price that Jesus had to pay to set us free from sin.

..... What did you learn from chapter 10?

1. What do the following passages tell you about the consequences of sin?

- ✦ Galatians 3:10. All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”
- ✦ Romans 6:23. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ✦ Matthew 25:41. Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’

2. What do the following passages tell you about Jesus' suffering and death?

- ✦ Galatians 3:13. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”
- ✦ Isaiah 53:5-6. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all
- ✦ 2 Corinthians 5:21. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

3. What is all included in the phrase "*suffered under Pontius Pilate?*"

4. Read Matthew 27:46. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

What are some of the things that jump out from these words?

About Jesus?

About God?

5. Agree or Disagree: We will never know what agony Jesus experienced on the cross.

6. On the basis of 2 Corinthians 8:9 define the word *grace*.

✦ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

7. What do the following passages say about God's love and/or Christ's sacrifice?

✦ 1 John 2:2. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

✦ 2 Corinthians 5:19. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

✦ John 1:29. ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

8. Why is John 3:16 sometimes called "the gospel in a nutshell?" What is it that makes God's gift so amazing?

✦ John 3:16. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Comment on the following hymn by Paul Gerhard.

*A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, our guilt and evil bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, none else the burden sharing.*

*Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery and says, (Jesus) "Willing all this I suffer."*

*This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send to gain for us his favor.*

*"Go forth, my Son," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share the fruit of your salvation."*

*(Jesus) "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me."*

*O wondrous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!*

You make his bed within the grave who built the earth's foundation.

Assignment: Please read Chapter 11 of *God-The Ultimate Humanitarian*