

It is Finished

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Isaiah 53:3

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

If we are honest with ourselves, we can find places in our lives where we have become desensitized to the reality of our own sinfulness.

The more detached from your shame you get, the easier it is to continue to sin.

“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. Isaiah 1:11

without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:22

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

To simply internalize that Jesus died a death that I should have died is a great thing to understand, but it will do little for life change.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24:1-3

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

The problem comes when we follow Christ to the cross and go no farther.

if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

In order to get to a Godless eternity we must intentionally step around the cross to get there.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3

We are still slaves to the physical brokenness of this world, we are no longer slaves to sin and spiritual death.

11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus... For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:11,14

Grace also means that we must look at the cross and our desire to sin and proclaim "It is finished," I voluntarily give up the rights to my life.