

## Are You Worth The Death Of Jesus?

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Traditionally, today is a day when people all over the world think in a special way about Jesus and His death on the cross. He went to the cross to die for the guilt of the sins of all humanity for all time (Hebrews 9:27-28). For all humanity? Yes, for all humanity. For all time? Yes, for all time. But Jesus' dying on the cross holds its greatest meaning for you when you view it as having been done for you. You personally. You cannot make the death of Jesus have meaning for all humanity. You can only make His death have meaning based upon how you individually react to it. So, are you worth the death of Jesus?

That question can make a person feel uncomfortable, huh? We don't like such personal focus upon ourselves in such matters. It spurs us to examine ourselves individually, makes us think about personal responsibility. Each one of us is responsible for Jesus going to the cross. Each one of us made His death necessary. Not the whole world. Not all mankind. You, and me. You caused Jesus to go to the cross, and so did I!

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). That word "whoever" in that verse is you, and me. "But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). For "us"; there's you and me again.*

It's true that Jesus sent His apostles into *"all the world"* (Mark 16:15), to *"all nations"* (Matthew 28:19), in order to preach the gospel message of salvation, the message which Jesus left Heaven to bring to mankind, the message of His death on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. But, the response to the gospel message has to come on an individual basis. *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved"* (Mark 16:16). Notice it is *"he"* who believes and is baptized who will be saved, the individual. *"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."* (Acts 2:38). Again, *"every one of you."* Each individual one of us must respond to the invitation to be saved that Jesus died in order to extend to us.

All mankind cannot respond for you, or for me. All humanity for all time cannot make Jesus' death worthwhile to you individually. Only you can do that! Only you can answer the Savior's call to you. You are the only one who can make His death have meaning for you. Jesus went to the cross for you. He was tortured for you. He was mocked by the crowd for you. He wore the crown of thorns for you. He died on that cross for you. The spear was rammed into His side for you, so you could have the chance to be baptized in order that His blood shed on that cross could cleanse you of your sins. It was all for you...

So, are you worth the death of Jesus? How have you responded to what He did for you?

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# WELCOME

to the  
**Church of Christ**  
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:  
**Can there be more than one way?**  
John 14:1-7



### Congregational Meeting Times:

#### Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

Evening Service 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

## Visitors

*The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.*

## Important dates to remember:

### April:

Sun. 19th - Business Meeting at the building, 4:15 PM.

Sun. 26th - Last Sunday of the month song service during pm service

### Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun. 12th - **Group 2** meets following evening services

Fri. 24th - Family Night Potluck at the Uptegrove's, 6:30 pm



### *Ladies House to House Fellowship*

We are starting a new book, it is from the Life Principles Study Series  
Lesson Book: *"Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"*

**Next class: April 19th at Jennifer Stiltz's home.**

Please prepare lesson 2. Lunch will be provided.

If you'd like to host a class, please let Jennifer know.

### Classes

**Growing Kids God's Way:** Tuesdays at 6:45pm at the Stiltz home.

**New Converts Class:** 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00 at the building.

**Young Adults Class:** Fridays at Caleb's (Steve Sarff's) home. See Caleb for details.

## MEMBER'S CORNER

### Recently Baptized:

Alan Williams Jr., Sakari Williams and Ricky were all baptized on  
March 29th

Psalm 119: 9-16 (NIV)

How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By living according to your word.

I seek you with all my heart;  
do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.

Praise be to you, O LORD;  
teach me your decrees.

With my lips I recount  
all the laws that come from your mouth.

I rejoice in following your statutes  
as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts  
and consider your ways.

I delight in your decrees;  
I will not neglect your word.

### Birthdays this week:

Michael Van Airsdale April 13

Mike Mendez April 14

Skip Wosepka April 17