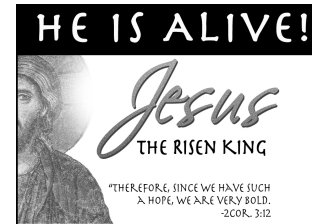


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What's so Good About the Good News?

I. What's so good about the Good News?

I don't have to be _____.

"In Christ we are set free by the blood of his death. And so we have forgiveness of sins because of God's rich grace." Ephesians 1:7

We are both *FREE* and *FORGIVEN* from the debt of our wrongdoing.

**Why does Jesus have to be the sacrificial lamb?
Why can't God just forgive us?**

The Two Ways To Respond To Any Wrongdoing In Your Life.

1. Make them pay for it.
2. You can forgive.

What does it mean to forgive? It means four things.

1. I avoid _____ that make them pay.
2. I avoid _____ that make them pay.
3. I avoid _____ that make them pay.
4. Forgiveness means I chose _____.

Forgiveness will always entail suffering for them or for you.

Who do you think it was that killed Jesus?

There are two answers to who put Jesus on the cross.

1. _____
“Now My soul is troubled and distressed. And what shall I say? Father save Me from this hour of trial and agony? But it was for this very purpose that I have come to this hour.” John 12:27

“All of us have strayed away like sheep. We’ve left God’s paths to follow our own way. Yet the Lord laid on Him the guilt and sins of us all He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter... From prison and trial they led him away to his death. But who among the people realized that he was dying for their sins – that he was suffering for their punishment? He had done no wrong, and he never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man’s grave... Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children.”
Isaiah 53:6-10

2. _____
“Jesus was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God.” Romans 4:25

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

What difference does this make?

Two examples of how the early Christians were different.

1. They were _____
2. They had a different view of _____

II. What’s so good about the Good News?

I don’t have to _____.
Jesus said, “If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.” Mark 8:35

“They risked their lives for the sake of the Lord Jesus.” Acts 15:26

“Our troubles and suffering are, after all, quite small and they won’t last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God’s richest blessing upon us forever and ever! So we don’t focus our attention on the trouble we see right now. Instead we look forward to the joys in heaven which we haven’t seen. Our troubles will soon be over but the joys to come will last forever and ever!” 2 Corinthians 4:17-18,

“For me, living is for Christ, and dying is even better.” Philippians 1:21

III. What’s so good about the Good News?

I can be certain I go to _____.
“Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, [I am] the truth, and [I am] the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6

There are two things we see in the Gospel.

1. You have to see you’re a _____.
God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.
Ephesians 2:8,9
2. You have to see what _____.
Isaiah 53:8, it says, “He was cut off from the land of the living ...”