

A photograph of a stone rolled away from the entrance of a tomb. The stone is on the left, and a bright light shines from the opening of the tomb, creating a dramatic silhouette effect. The scene is set in a dark, rocky environment.

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A photograph of a tomb entrance with a large, smooth, round stone rolled away from the opening. A bright, golden light emanates from the dark interior of the tomb, creating a strong contrast with the dark foreground. The stone is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the light source is centered behind the opening. The overall scene is dramatic and symbolic of new life.

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Paul Always Taught:

Believe in Christ,
and be saved,

then learn to obey
God's commands.

The False Teachers Taught:

Believe in Christ,
and obey
the Law of Moses
then you will be saved.

Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!

Galatians 1:7,8

We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

Galatians 2:16



“I was willingly to do 500 things for God in order to be saved but when I found all I had to do was receive it as something already done for me I was overwhelmed by it’s power.”

Charles Spurgeon, famous 19th century preacher from London

As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:14

Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died.

Galatians 6:14b

I. The Cross is Offensive

Those who are trying to force you to (obey the law in order to be saved) want to look good to others. They don't want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save.



Galatians 6:12

What is the offense of the cross?



Jesus' death on the cross, teaches your sins are so bad that Jesus had to die for them.

Who do you say I am?

You are the Christ, the
Son of the Living God.

Jesus taught them that the religious leaders would make him suffer many things. He told them he must be killed and then be raised from the dead on the third day. And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

Matthew 16:21,22

But Jesus turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind Me, Satan! You are a
stumbling block to Me."

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

“I am the way, the truth,
and the life. No one
can come to the Father
except through me.”

John 14:6



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Romans 3:25

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Romans 3:25

“God sent forth his Son
who knew no sin
to become sin for us,
that we might be made the
righteousness of God in him.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus knew:

*No one can take my life from
me. I sacrifice it voluntarily.*

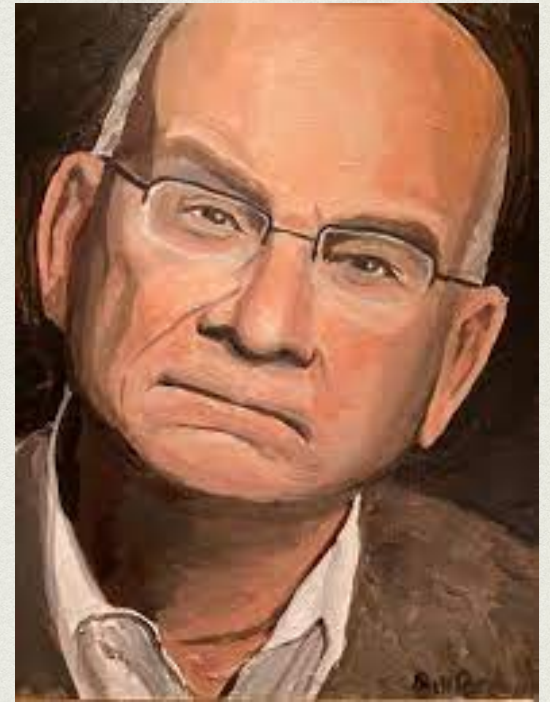
John 10:18

Jesus knew:

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

“The whole point of Jesus’ death makes no sense unless it’s the only hope we have.”



Pastor/Author Tim Keller Redeemer Fellowship Manhattan NY

II. Boasting in the Cross

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:8



He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

“When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”’”

“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son’”.

“The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, (to join the party) ²⁹ but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to.

And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰ Yet when *this son of yours* comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’



Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. Revelation 3:20

III. How do I know Jesus died for my sins?

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.



III. How do I know Jesus died for my sins?

He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

1 Corinthians 15:3-6



The resurrection is actually
God's way of giving us a
receipt, stamping it
“Paid in Full”
across all of history .



Jesus was shown to be the Son
of God when he was raised
from the dead by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 1:4

“For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

Romans Chapter 5



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“Adam was like that first man who fell on the climb. Our first ancestor fell, and we all inherited this fallen nature from Adam.”



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“Adam pulled everyone of us down, and there was only one man left.

That one man was Jesus, who decided He would not only die and be crushed, but He also would rise so everyone in union with Him would rise with Him ”



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But he was **pierced** for our
transgressions, he was
crushed for our iniquities;
the **punishment** that brought us
peace was on him, and by his
wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

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A photograph of a stone rolled away from the entrance of a tomb. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source shining from the opening of the tomb, creating a strong glow and casting long shadows. The stone is in the foreground, slightly to the left of the center. The background shows the rough, textured walls of the tomb.

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