

“Jesus Is the Reason We Live”

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“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 (NKJV).

- Perish = **G622** - ἀπόλλυμι – apollumi - to *destroy* fully, die, lose, mar, perish.
- Eternal death is a destiny that’s inescapable by our own efforts.

“...you were without Christ...having no hope and without God in the world” Ephesians 2:12 (NKJV).

- Humanly speaking, none of us has any eternal hope of anything...except to perish.
- This inescapable fact brought a response from God’s heart.

How serious is sin? Genesis 3:16, 18

- “In pain you will bring forth children...” Genesis 3:16a (NKJV).
  - labor pains
- God cursed the ground, and it requires painful toil to produce our food.

“But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful. But there is more! Now that God has accepted us because Christ sacrificed his life's blood, we will also be kept safe from God's anger. Even when we were God's enemies, he made peace with us, because his Son died for us. Yet something even greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, we will be saved by his Son's life. And in addition to everything else, we are happy because God sent our Lord Jesus Christ to make peace with us” Romans 5:8-11 (CEV).

- “Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (NKJV).

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from *your* fathers, but with *the* precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; indeed having been foreknown before *the* foundation of *the* world, but revealed in *the* last times for you” 1 Peter 1:18-20 (Unknown).

- Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Hebrews 9:22 (NKJV).
- When Christ shed His blood, then, He poured out His life making a way for you and me to be made right with God.

**Jesus Died Once For All – Romans 6:10** “The death he died he died once for all.” (Paraphrased).