

The reason why Jesus was sent into the world was because God loves us and does not want us to be lost. Through Jesus we are given a way back to a new and living relationship with the Father.

John 3 v 16 says

“For God so loved the world that he gave his One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s One and Only Son.”

As Jesus hung on the cross all our sin, guilt, shame – all the things that separate us from God – entered into his body and as Jesus breathed his last breathe he cried, **“IT IS FINISHED!”** In this single statement of Jesus, we see that our sin has been paid for, our guilt has been taken away and the barrier of sin and rebellion between us and God has been removed once and for all.

1 Peter 2 v 24 says :-

“Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live a life right with God; by his wounds you have been healed.”

What is declared now is that the debt for sin had been fully paid for by Jesus. We now have a choice.....

Accept Jesus and receive his love and forgiveness – allowing him to pay the debt.

OR we can choose to live for ourselves – ignore Jesus and his sacrifice and pay the debt for our sin ourselves!!

One thing is clear one way or another the debt for our sin will have to be paid!!

Teaching point 2 : - Jesus is relevant to us today, because Jesus has opened up the Way back to God.

The way to God has been blocked up by our sin and desire to live for ourselves. This freedom that Jesus has bought for us has freed us from our sin and has made us morally and spiritually clean in the eyes of God. This has opened up for us the possibility once again for us to experience a real relationship with the God who made us.

Christians are people who have said sorry for their sins – accepted Jesus as God and have by faith been included in him on the cross. Through this a real Christian is someone who actually has a relationship with the Living Creator God... (One or two people who are Christians to share a testimony of what this relationship with God is like.)

2 Corinthians 5 v 21 says

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Discussion :-

Would you like to have a relationship with God? What would stop you coming into that relationship through Jesus?

This idea of being put right through faith in Jesus is what the bible calls, **“Justification by faith.”** Jesus’ death makes us right in the eyes of God and places us in a right relationship before our Maker in heaven. Through faith in Jesus we receive this forgiveness of our sins, cleansing of our guilt and restoration of the true purpose to why we were created.

The death of Jesus on the cross has forever repaired our relationship with God if we repent and believe in Jesus!”

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