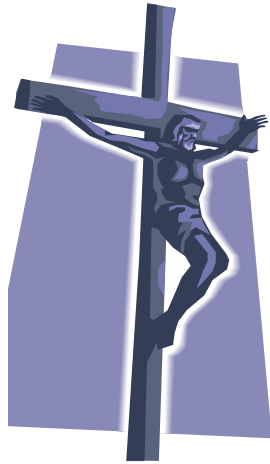


**Learn What God
Wants You to Know**

THE LORD'S SUPPER



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1Timothy 4:10b KJB

OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Today is our Lord's Supper celebration once again here at Grace Christian Fellowship Church. At this celebration, we EAT THE BREAD & DRINK THE CUP to REMEMBER Jesus' death on the cross. We do this because Jesus said that EVERY TIME we do this we SHOW or PROCLAIM or TEACH about His DEATH. Here is what Jesus tells all His children about this celebration:

"And when he (Jesus) had given thanks, he brake *it* (the bread), and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

And after the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink *it* in remembrance of me."



For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

1Corinthians 11:24-26 KJB

Each and every time we EAT THE BREAD and DRINK THE CUP, we eat and drink to REMEMBER or THINK ABOUT AGAIN our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We REMEMBER or THINK ABOUT AGAIN who Jesus Christ is. We REMEMBER or THINK ABOUT AGAIN how & why He died on the cross. And the more we know about Jesus Christ, the better we can REMEMBER and THINK ABOUT HIM! That is why it is SO VERY IMPORTANT for God's children to learn as much as they can about Jesus & His death on the cross while they are on this earth by reading their King James Bible & listening to

teachers of God's Word who themselves truly understand what Jesus did on the cross. And so today we will learn another VERY IMPORTANT FACT about Jesus & His death on the cross. The FACT is that Jesus Christ is the living God:

"...who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe." 1Timothy 4:10b KJB

In last month's Lord's Supper lesson, we learned the VERY IMPORTANT FACT that Jesus is the Savior of ALL men. When Jesus suffered His spiritual death upon the cross, He did something AMAZING & GLORIOUS! Let's just review a few scriptures which tell us EXACTLY what Jesus did by His death on the cross. Read carefully!

"...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

1Corinthians 15:3-4 KJB



Did you notice that the cross in the picture is completely darkened out? When Jesus Christ took upon Himself the SINS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD, so horrible & awesome was God's punishment for those sins during those 3 hours from 12PM to 3PM, that God darkened the skies so that no man could see Jesus during that time. During that time, Jesus was paying His Father for our personal sins! God's Law demanded that sin be punished. God's Law required that blood be shed—the life of a perfect person be given—to pay for the sins of all mankind. At this time read Leviticus 17:11; Ezekiel 18:4; Isaiah 53:10-11 & Mark 15:33-34. Then after those 3 hours of suffering God's punishment for the sins of the ENTIRE WORLD, this is what Jesus said from the cross:

"It is finished: and he bowed his head, and

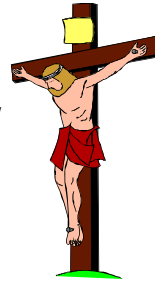
gave up the ghost."

John 19:30 KJB

What did Jesus mean by IT IS FINISHED? Well, we just read in 1Corinthians 15:3-4 that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." At the end of those 3 hours of suffering God's punishment for the sins of the WORLD, the payment for sins was COMPLETED! God's punishment for the sins of the WORLD was FINISHED! That punishment was for all who would believe in Jesus AS WELL AS FOR all who would NEVER believe in Jesus! It was FINISHED for both groups—for the WORLD! By His taking the world's place on the cross, Jesus took away the sins of the world by bearing those sins in His own body. When judgment for those sins was over, the darkness disappeared & Jesus said IT IS FINISHED!

Then Jesus died physically AFTER He PAID IN FULL for the SINS OF THE WORLD! God took those sins away from ALL man & put them on Jesus His Son. That's what these next scriptures tell us clearly. You can read them on your own. John 1:29, 2Corinthians 5:19-21; Hebrews 9:26; 1Peter 2:24; Hebrews 10:12; Romans 5:6-8. This next scripture also tells us clearly that Jesus died for the sins of EVERY MAN—and not just for those who would believe in Him.

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Hebrews 2:9 KJB



This scripture tell us that Jesus left heaven & came down to earth to be made a man. God made men to be a lower creation than angels. Why did Jesus come to earth as man? This scripture tells us that Jesus did this so that He could suffer death! What death was that? It was the spiri-

tual death—the punishment of God for THE SINS OF THE WORLD! Jesus took the place of EVERY SINGLE HUMAN BEING on that cross! He came to earth to be THE WORLD’S SUBSTITUTE on the cross. And then Jesus TASTED DEATH FOR EVERY MAN! In God’s eyes as the Supreme Judge of all the universe, the world’s sins were taken out of the way by Jesus on that cross! The world’s sins are no longer an issue with God. If they were, Jesus would NEVER have said, “IT IS FINISHED” & God would never be able to say this:



“But this man (Jesus), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.” Hebrews 10:14
KJB

In Hebrews 10:18, God says: “Now where remission of these *is there is no more offering for sin.*” Jesus made ONE offering for the sins of the world. There is no other offering that can be made to pay for THE WORLD’S sins! God will cannot accept any other offering. And because of Jesus’ COMPLETE PAYMENT—PAID IN FULL—no one will ever go to the Lake of Fire because of their personal sins. Because of Jesus Christ, God is NOT holding our personal sins—the sins we ourselves choose to commit— against us! Jesus is the Savior of the World! He saved the world from their sins! It is finished!

But, as God’s Word tells us CLEARLY, there WILL be people who will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire! Well, if Jesus paid for their sins too & took them out of the way & He did both those things, God

says HE did so, then WHY will these people be sentenced to the Lake of Fire?



At the end of last month's Lord's Supper lesson, we challenged you to read 2 scriptures to see if you could figure out why people still need to be SAVED even though Jesus paid in full for their sins. Did you read them? Let's read them carefully now.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved,

He that believeth on him sin is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:16-18 KJB

This scripture tells us clearly that those who DO NOT believe in Jesus are condemned already because they have not believed in Jesus as God their Savior. John 16:8-11 tells us the same thing. John 3:38 tells us this about what will happen to them

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

These scriptures tell us 2 important things. They

tell us that people who believe in Jesus are not condemned. The very instant a person believes in Jesus that person is no longer condemned. God gives that person eternal life which is the life of God. Eternal life is the **ONLY** life that can live in heaven with God. All who believe in Jesus are God's children forever. (John 1:12; 1John5:11-12) Those who **DO NOT** believe in Jesus **ARE CONDEMNED**. Are they condemned because of their personal sins? No! Jesus paid for them on the cross, The scriptures tell us that they are condemned already because they have not believed in Jesus Christ as God their Savior. They do **NOT** have eternal life. They do **NOT** have life of God so that they can go to heaven some day.

So just what is the problem that they have already because they did not believe in Jesus? What is the problem that they have that they are condemned already? What is the problem that they have which only Jesus Christ can fix?

Here is their problem. Actually it is a problem that we **ALL** have the **INSTANT** we are born into this world. God says that when we are born into this world, we are born with a

SIN NATURE.

We did **NOT**, of course, **CHOOSE** for this to be so. It is so because God says so. It is so because of that very 1st man Adam. Because of Adam, every single person who is born into this world is born with a nature that is **NOT RIGHT WITH GOD!** It is a nature that is enemies with God. It is a nature that is sinful. And by the way, that sin nature is the reason we then choose to sin! This old sin nature can do **NOTHING** at all to please God. All it can do is sin. It is a nature that is **CONDEMNED** already! At this time read Romans 5:12,18-19.

Verse 18 a says:



“Therefore as by the offence of one (Adam’s sin) *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation;”

And this condemnation from Adam, this old sin nature that we inherited from Adam, is what we need to be saved from. God’s wrath is against it. All of us enter this world condemned because of Adam. Jesus is the **ONLY ONE** who can save us from dying in that condemned old sin nature. When Jesus died on the cross, He not only paid for the world’s personal sins, Jesus also made the way for every one who simply believes in Him to be saved from staying condemned in that old sin nature. In God’s eyes all who simply believe in Jesus are **NO LONGER** in that old sin nature. God gives them a **NEW NATURE** that is perfect like Jesus—fit for heaven! See Colossians 2:10-13 & 2Cor 5:17. That is why God states the **FACT** that Jesus is the living God:

“...who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe.” 1Timothy 4:10b KJB

Jesus took the world’s sins **OUT** of the way forever - He saved the world from their sins—so that He can now **SAVE** any one at all from their condemned state from Adam. How can we be **SAVED** from staying condemned already? Very simple: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...” Acts 16:31 KJB

Jesus Christ is “the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe.” Remember that as you

EAT THE BREAD & DRINK THE CUP

CHALLENGE: Read Luke 23:33-43. How do the 2 thieves crucified on either side of Jesus give us a picture of 1Timothy 4:10b?

GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

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Directions

From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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