Why is Jesus' dying on the cross so important to Christians?

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Notes and credits:

The purpose of this video is to try to explain to people who are not Christians why Jesus died on the cross for our sins or who wonder why he's so important to Christians. In it, I hope to explain why Jesus was sent by God the Father in heaven to die on the cross located outside of Jerusalem at Golgotha, how it is that mankind is born into sin, why that isn't acceptable to God, and being Christian meaning, we will live with Jesus for eternity by accepting him as our Savior and Lord.

I'm going to attempt to piece together statements from websites that help to explain this information that I hope will help you understand in a way that I hope puts together the story of Jesus Christ being the Savior of all who come to him, asking forgiveness of our sins and wanting him to be our Savior and Lord.

In my walk with Christ I realized that I didn't have this information given to me, did not understand what was said in church, did not understand why Jesus died on the cross, and quite frankly had confusion about the Christian belief.

A few times I attended church with a school friend or went with my grandmother when I was a child but no one explained anything to me. Children need this explained to them so they know who Jesus is and what he's done for all mankind. I'm mad at my mother who was raised as a Methodist, who never showed us a bible nor spoke about God in our family. She just went along with my dad, a staunch atheist. So I feel strongly about this, the need for simple information to piece the need for Jesus together for people who may not know him.

Eve and the forbidden fruit - alimentarium.org

The Old Testament tells of Adam and Eve, our progenitors. They lived in paradise in total innocence until the serpent (the devil) enticed them to eat the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge. As punishment for their disobedience, God banished them from Paradise.

https://www.alimentarium.org/en/fact-sheet/eve-and-forbidden-

fruit#:~:text=The%20Old%20Testament%20tells%20of,God%20banished%20them%20from%20Paradise

Are We Born with a Sinful Nature, or Do We Earn It? - Stephen Baker - crosswalk.com

We do not become sinners after we sin for the first time, we sin because **we are already born sinners**. Scripture reveals all people inherit a sin nature because of Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden (Psalm 58:3) https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/are-we-born-with-a-sinful-nature-or-do-we-earn-it.html

Natural Born Sinners, Real Life with Jack Hibbs on YouTube uploaded Aug 5, 2023

All of us are sinners by nature; there's no avoiding it. But God, through Jesus Christ, has made a way to take away our sin and replace it with righteousness.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjGV-xUJNrg

Are we all born sinners? - gotquestions.org

Yes, the Bible teaches that we are all born sinners

Unless we are born again by the Spirit of God, we will never see the kingdom of God (John 3:3).

Humanity is totally depraved; that is, all of us have a sinful nature that affects every part of us (Isaiah 53:6; Romans 7:14).

We are born with a sinful nature, and we inherited it from Adam. "Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people" (Romans 5:12). Every one of us was affected by Adam's sin; there are no exceptions. "One trespass resulted in condemnation for all people" (verse 18). We are all sinners, and we all share the same condemnation, because we are all children of Adam.

Before we were saved, "we were by nature deserving of wrath" (Ephesians 2:3).

"Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:8). We were dead in our sins before Christ raised us to spiritual life (Ephesians 2:1). We lack any inherent spiritual good.

Because we are born sinners, we must experience a second, spiritual birth.

born not of natural descent . . . but born of God" (John 1:12-13).

https://www.gotquestions.org/born-sinners.html

What is the origin of sin? - gotquestions.org

He hates sin (Proverbs 8:13). Moral evil originated with the creature, not the Creator.

He certainly allowed it or it would not exist, since God is sovereign over all things. It's true that He could have prevented sin, but that would have meant stripping His creation of its free will (Daniel 4:17; cf. Psalm 33:10-11). The mystery of evil and why God has allowed its reality with all of the suffering it causes may never be fully known in this world, but Scripture assures that evil is temporary.

https://www.gotquestions.org/origin-of-sin.html

Born In Sin, Fact Or Fiction by by J. Edward Brown Iii – sermoncentral.com

Psalm 51:5

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." This settles it for the Christian. If the Bible says we were "shapen in iniquity" and "conceived in sin," then it has to be so.

https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/born-in-sin-fact-or-fiction-j-edward-brown-iii-sermon-on-choice-181322

Why did the sacrificial system require a blood sacrifice? - gotquestions.org

The whole of the Old Testament, every book, points toward the Great Sacrifice that was to come—that of Jesus' sacrificial giving of His own life on our behalf. <u>Leviticus 17:11</u> is the Old Testament's central statement about the significance of blood in the sacrificial system. God, speaking to Moses, declares: "For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life."

God said, "I have given it to you (the creature's life, which is in its blood) to make atonement for yourselves (covering the offense you have committed against Me)." In other words, those who are covered by the blood sacrifice are set free from the consequences of sin.

But when Christ entered the Most Holy Place, He did so to offer His own blood once for all time, making future sacrifices unnecessary. This is what Jesus meant by His dying words on the cross: "It is finished" (John 19:30). Never again would the blood of bulls and goats cleanse men from their sin. Only by accepting Jesus' blood, shed on the cross for the remission of sins, can we stand before God covered in the righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

https://www.gotquestions.org/blood-sacrifice.html

ABC's of Salvation, JD Farag - jdfarag.org

Romans 5:12 says, "Therefore just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned." Because one man, Adam, sinned, the many, us, have been born into sin. It is the condition of our hearts from the beginning. We are sinful by nature.

https://www.jdfarag.org/abc