

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ROME

JESUS DID IT ALL

Romans 4:25 "He was delivered over to death for (y)our sins and was raised to life for (y)our justification."

God promised through the pen of Isaiah, ". . . my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities." (Isaiah 53:11) What God promised He has personally done for you, "But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of (y)our God." (1 Corinthians 6:11)

In a recent devotion you read, "all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith." (Romans 3:24)

Once again St. Paul points you to Jesus' cross with the words "He was delivered over to death for your sins." Jesus substituted Himself in your place. He suffered and died on Calvary's cross because He took your sins as His own. His shed blood was His full payment to His heavenly Father for all the sins you commit. His sacrifice reconciled you to your heavenly Father.

Your heavenly Father declares you not guilty of the sins you commit as a result of Jesus' death and resurrection. This was the prophecy of Isaiah in chapter 53:5, "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." Peter writes, "He Himself bore our sins" in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness." (1 Peter 2:24) And, Hebrews 9:28 declares, ". . . He (Jesus) has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many. . ."

Your transgressions and your being declared righteous speak of the purpose of Christ's death and resurrection. It is by the faith God has given you in Christ you have peace with Him. Declared righteous for Christ's sake you have a sure and certain hope of the glory of God.

Prayer: Thank You Jesus for Your atoning sacrifice for me.

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!
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