



***The Suffering of Christ  
and  
Our Salvation***

# ***Why Did Christ Have To Die?***

- The universe exists to display the greatness of the glory of the grace of God. What is Grace?**
- God decreed from all eternity to display the greatness of the glory of his grace for the enjoyment of his creatures.**
- The death of Christ in supreme suffering, is the highest, clearest, surest display of the glory of the grace of God.**
- The ultimate reason that suffering exists in the universe is so that Christ might display the greatness of the glory of the grace of God by suffering in himself to overcome our suffering.**

# ***Why Did Christ Have To Die?***

## **1. Christ Absorbed the Wrath of God on Our Behalf — And He Did It by Suffering**

- Galatians 3:13, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.’”**

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## **2. Christ Bore Our Sins and Purchased Our Forgiveness — and He Did It by Suffering**

- 1 Peter 2:24, “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.” Isaiah 53:5, “He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.”**

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**3. Christ Provided a Perfect Righteousness for Us That Becomes Ours in Him —**

**and He Did It by Suffering**

- Philippians 2:7-8, “[He] made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”**

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## **4. Christ Defeated Death —**

### **and He Did It by Suffering Death**

- Hebrews 2:14-15, “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.” ““O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:55- 57).**

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## **5. He Disarmed Satan —**

### **and He Did It by Suffering**

- Colossians 2:14-15, “[The record of debts against us] he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”**

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## **6. Christ Purchased Perfect Final Healing for All His People — and He Did It by Suffering**

- “Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53:5). “The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Rev. 7:17).**

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**7. Christ Will Bring Us Finally to God —**

**and He Will Do It by His Suffering**

- 1 Peter 3:18, “Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.”**

# ***The Ultimate Purpose of Suffering***

- **The ultimate purpose of the universe is to display the greatness of the glory of the grace of God.**
- **The highest, clearest, surest display of that glory is in the suffering of the best Person in the universe for millions of undeserving sinners.**
- **Therefore, the ultimate reason that suffering exists in the universe is so that Christ might display the greatness of the glory of the grace of God by suffering in himself to overcome our suffering and bring about the praise of the glory of the grace of God.**

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- **Remember what Steve Saint and Joni Eareckson Tada say; that whether we are able or disabled, enduring loss or delighting in friends, suffering pain or savoring pleasure, all of us who believe in Christ are immeasurably rich in him and have so much to live for.**
- **Don't waste your life. Savor the riches that you have in Christ and spend yourself no matter the cost to spread your riches to this desperate world.**
- **Meditate on and savor, The Universe was created to display  
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in the CROSS OF CHRIST**