



Topic - Jesus friend of sinners

Introduction

Do you know why we as Christians celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ every year? What is it about these Christians? Why do they celebrate the death and resurrection of their God?

The reason is that, Never, ever again will death, hell and the grave hold power over a blood bought saint, a son or a daughter of God.

Never, ever will Satan have power over a blood bought saint, son or daughter of God, NEVER, EVER THOUGHT ETERNITY!

This is why the Gospel is Good News, because Jesus Christ paid the price once and for all time, for man, you and I – to be reconciled to God! Amen!!!

By nature a sinner

The sad fact is that all of us have forgotten that we are sinners by nature!

I do not know if you are aware if this, but we are all sinners, at the core of our heart, you and I are sinners. You might be born again but you and I are sinners! And we need a Saviour.

If you do not believe this, that we are all sinners, or you believe that now that you are born again you are not a sinner let me show you what the Bible says.

Romans 3:23-26 *"²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"*



1 John 1:8&10 *"⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us."*

Today I want you to understand that as long as you are on this earth you are a sinner and you will sin. I want you to realise that you are a sinner by nature, your inner desire is to sin! I must hasten to add that YES, you can resist the temptation to sin and YES you can have victory over sin.

Yes you have a choice to sin or not to sin. It is all up to you, but understand this you are a sinner, and you DO sin every day and that is why every day we need to confess our sins to God and REPENT - turn away from our sin.

Good News

The good news of the cross, the good news today is that you do not have to live in your sin anymore. You do not have to live without hope! There is a way to live a life where your sins are paid for and accounted for! Once, by ONE MAN for ALL time!

John 14:6, Jesus saying this *"⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Jesus is the way to God, Jesus is the way to have your sin debt removed, Jesus is your and my answer to fix the issue of our sin.

Jesus friend of sinners

All through the Gospels we see references to Jesus being the friend of Sinners:

- **Matthew 9:10** – *"While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and*



his disciples”

- **Mark 2:15-16** - *“¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”*
- **Luke 15:1-2** - *“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”*
- **1 Timothy 1:15-16** *“¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*

Jesus is friend of sinners, if you are a sinner and you are! I am definitely a sinner, like Paul I feel like I am the worst of sinners! Then Jesus is my friend.

This is not time to justify yourself, this is not a time to say oh but Jesus paid for my sin. It is time to realise that you are still a sinner even though you might be saved, you still are sinning every day. Admit that you too are a sinner and that you need a Saviour!

How often we feel like Paul says, the sin I do not want to do I do



and thing I should do I do not do! Why because we are sinners by nature.

Only Christ Jesus can release us from our sin, past present and future. By accepting Him as our Saviour and submitting our lives to Him and by walking in His victory, will we have eternal life.

It is a daily walk we have with Him, repenting of our sins and asking His forgiveness and turning from our sins.

But if we continue to sin, and sin without repentance we stand the chance to lose our Salvation and drift away from God.

The Good news is..

Romans 3:23-26 *"²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."*

Yes we all have sin, but through the Grace we are JUSTIFIED – just as if we have not sinned, through the redeeming work of Jesus' death on the cross, call Redemption. And we do this through FAITH!

Not by going to church, reading your Bible or other things, note these are all good things but they do not obtain Salvation, it is only through FAITH in the FINISHED work of the cross! Amen, Thank you Jesus for



the cross, for dying for my sin!

1 John 1:8-10 *"⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us."*

When we realise that we are a sinner this should lead us to REEPENTANCE, this passage says, if we confess, do you confess your sins, all of them? The God is faithful to forgive AND to cleanse you of ALL unrighteousness.

Yes you are a sinner and Yes you do sin, but your sins are paid for and there is forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Our friend, the Friend of all sinners.

Forgiveness in Jesus

1 John 2:1-3 *"¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."*

The Good News is that if and when you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ. He Jesus Christ is your and my atoning sacrifice for our sins, but even better news, Jesus Christ is the Atoning sacrifice for the Entire world.

What does Atonement means, it is, *A payment or offering to remove or forgive sins. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel sacrificed animals to show that atonement must be made for their sins. When Jesus came, he gave up his own life to make*



atonement for the sins of his people.

Your family, your friends, those people who you do not have time for, the people you think do not deserve Christ, whatever – Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, the Atoning sacrifice, died for ALL mankind, from - in our eye, the greatest sinner deserving hell to the best person we can imagine or in our eyes the least sinner.

Jesus Christ died for them all and in right now making atonement from them right now before the Father. Right now, whosoever will ask Jesus Christ to be their Saviour, whoever asks Jesus to come into their heart and be their Lord and Saviour – repenting and then forgetting their past, WILL be saved because Christ Jesus has paid the price!

Amen

Conclusion

So where does that leave you today? Are you a sinner? Or a sinner saved by Grace?

We all are sinners, we all deserve eternal death because of our sin, but Jesus Christ came into this world and paid to full, complete price for your and my sin!!! Jesus Christ is now in heaven seated at the right hand of God, He already has made atonement at the cross of Calvary, for your and my sins. When He said "it is finished", it really was finished, Sin was destroyed forever more, never ever again will sin be an obstacle to your and my relationship with God, all we need to do is accept that atoning sacrifice – Jesus Christ MY / YOUR LORD!

That is why this Resurrection Sunday is so important, not only



did Jesus Christ die and raise again but He is offering every man and woman on the earth the opportunity, everyone in this room the opportunity to have their sins removed forever!

All we need to do is have faith that this is true and then in faith act on this word and accept Christ Jesus' atoning sacrifice.

Admit that you are a sinner! Even now you are a sinner – Admit it! Now apply your faith in the finished work of the cross, your personal Atoning sacrifice for your sins, and come to Jesus and be washed whiter than snow and have your issue of sin dealt with, atoned for, pardoned forever. Turn from your past, stop doing the things you once did and start to live for Christ.

Make God the centre of your life and give Him your life and allow Him to lead you every day.

What a Saviour, Praise God in the highest heaven, Given Him all the praise!

Jesus Christ is Risen, He has risen indeed – Death and hell have been defeated and He / Jesus Christ has given you and I the victory over our sins, Forever more!!! Amen!! Amen!!!