

Q. What is the result of this suffering? _____.

📖 2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him _____, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

📖 Isaiah 53:5 But _____ was wounded for _____ transgressions, _____ was bruised for _____ iniquities: the chastisement of _____ peace was upon _____; and with _____ stripes _____ are healed.

If you read and reread these verses you will see very clearly that we are all sinners, separated from God, in need of someone to bear the penalty of our sin so that we can be reconciled to God. Jesus, the Son of God, died in our place. Now, through this substitutionary death, *Jesus offers us forgiveness of sins.*

📖 Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in _____.

📖 Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and _____.

📖 Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive _____.

📖 Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the _____:

Our sinfulness is what made Christ's death necessary, and now, as a result of his suffering and his payment for our sins, the forgiveness of our sins is made possible.

Let's summarize what we have already learned. We have seen that Jesus, the son of God, died on the cross to pay the price for all of mankind's sin, now, those who believe in Him will have their sins forgiven and will be reconciled to God. But this is not the complete gospel message. There is another essential aspect to a Biblical gospel presentation:

📖 Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart _____, thou shalt be saved.

It is not enough to believe that Jesus was the son of God, or that he died on the cross, a belief in his resurrection from the dead is also essential. Consider how the disciples made the resurrection an important part of their witness:

Learning to Preach Christ (Our Message)

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Learning to Live the New Life

An integral part of the Christian's life is that of sharing the gospel with those around him. Being an effective witness for Christ does not require great oratory skills, or theological knowledge, it simply requires a man who has truly met Jesus, telling others what he has learned and experienced. This was the case with the disciples as they preached Christ. These uneducated fishermen were not great theologians, yet they were ordained witnesses of Christ's life, death and resurrection; and effective witnesses they were! It was through these men that God spread Christianity throughout the whole world and down through the ages.

We will see in the next couple studies that there are three man factors required to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ; 1. There are Biblical Truths that we must Declare; 2. There is a Personal Testimony that we must Share; 3. There is a Visible Transformation that we must Bear. We will deal with the first of these in this study.

First of all there are **Biblical Truths That We Must Declare**. Although it is not necessary to have a great knowledge of the entirety of Scripture in order to be a witness for Jesus Christ, there are certain truths that we must be thoroughly familiar with. These truths are not hard to learn or teach, in fact, they can be summarized by two words – Jesus Christ.

📖 Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach _____.

The message that we carry really boils down to Jesus Christ himself, both *who He is* and *what He has done*.

Jesus Christ - Who He Is

First of all, Jesus Christ is the *Son of God*. Christ's deity is a central truth of the gospel message. After Paul was converted on the road to Damascus, he began to preach Jesus Christ to the Jews. Look at Acts 9:20, what was Paul's main message?

📖 Acts 9:20 And straightway he _____ in the synagogues, that he is _____.

In Acts 8 we read the account of Philip witnessing to the Ethiopian soldier. This soldier was reading the book of Isaiah, according to Acts 8:35, what did Philip preach from this passage?

📖 Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and _____.

This soldier understood and became convicted under Philip's preaching. He asked Philip if he could be baptized. Philip indicated that he first had to *believe with all his heart*. How did this soldier respond to Philip in verse 37?

📖 Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, _____

This belief that Jesus Christ is the son of God is absolutely necessary for one to be saved. Consider the following questions:

📖 John 1:34. **Q.** What did John the Baptist bare record of concerning Jesus?

📖 John 3:16-18. **Q.** Why is the unbeliever condemned?

📖 1 John 5:5. **Q.** Who can overcome the world?

📖 1 John 4:15. **Q.** In whom does God dwell?

📖 John 20:31. **Q.** Why did John record the miracles of Christ?

Q. What is the result of believing that Christ is the son of God?

📖 John 11:27. **Q.** What did Martha believe?

📖 John 9:35. **Q.** What question did Jesus ask the blind man?

📖 John 6:69 **Q.** What did Peter and the Disciples believe?

📖 1 John 5:13. **Q.** Who can know that they have eternal life?

📖 Romans 1:4. **Q.** What did Christ's resurrection declare?

📖 John 19:7. **Q.** For what reason did the Jews ask that Christ be crucified?

📖 Luke 4:9. **Q.** What "If" question did Satan first attack Jesus with?

These verses make it abundantly clear, that not only is Jesus Christ the very son of God, but that a belief in this fact is absolutely necessary for one to be saved. His deity fulfills prophecy concerning the nature of the coming Messiah, makes it possible for the law to be fulfilled, and ensures our future resurrection. If we are to be true witnesses for Jesus Christ we must declare his deity. We must tell others that He is the son of God.

Next, if we are to be witnesses for Jesus Christ, we must not only tell others *Who He Is*, but *What He Has Done*.

Jesus Christ - What He has Done

Jesus suffered and died on the cross. This fact is the centerpiece of all of Christianity and must be preached by the faithful witness. Like believing that Jesus is the son of God, a belief in the fact that he suffered and died on the cross is essential to salvation. Different from any other crucifixion, Jesus' death on the cross was actually a substitutionary death. That is, he suffered and died in *our place*, for *our sins*.

A belief in the substitutionary death of Christ is essential because it reveals some other important facts regarding salvation. First it shows us that we are all sinners, second, that our sin has separated us from God and third, that there is a penalty for sin. Look for these three facts in the following verses.

📖 1 Peter 2:24 Who his _____ on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by _____.

📖 Heb 2:9. **Q.** For whom did Jesus "taste" death?

📖 Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to _____; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

📖 1 Peter 3:18. **Q.** Why did Jesus Suffer? _____.

Q. For whom did Jesus suffer? _____.