

## CRUCIFIXION/RESURRECTION

*Romans 5:8 - "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

*1 Corinthians 15:22 - For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

In the last few weeks we have talked about the fact that we are sinners, God has to punish sin, and that only Jesus has ever lived a perfect life. If you remember, last week we talked about how people used to have to offer animal sacrifices to cover their sin. But we talked about how that was only a temporary solution. God sent Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice, and that's why it was so important that He was sinless. That's why Jesus is called the Lamb of God. Just like the lambs that were sacrificed, Jesus covers the sins of His people.

Jesus offered His life on the cross as the perfect sacrifice to God. When He was crucified, He took on all the sins of those who believe in Him. God punished Him for all of those sins! Instead of God punishing us, God punished Jesus. But the amazing thing is that Jesus doesn't have to be sacrificed over and over like the animals had to. Jesus satisfied all of God's anger against sin by His death.

And we know from Scripture that Jesus did not stay dead. He rose from the grave! And that is very important. Jesus' resurrection meant that God accepted His sacrifice. It meant that death could not defeat Jesus. Death could not claim Him because He lived a perfect life. It is also important because Jesus promises those who believe in Him eternal life. If Jesus was dead Himself, could we really believe that we would live forever? It is the empty tomb that gives us incredible hope!

So we see that Jesus perfect life, crucifixion, and resurrection are all incredibly important to those who believe in Him.

### **Questions:**

1. Was Jesus guilty of death on the cross?
  - a. No! Jesus lived without any sin. He chose to die on the cross to save His people!
2. Is it important that Jesus rose from the dead?
  - a. Yes. Without Jesus' resurrection, we have no hope of resurrection. Also, Jesus resurrection means that the payment for sin (death) was paid in full.