

# We Must Never Forget!

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Romans 6:23 *The wages of sin is death*  
Hebrews 9:22 *Without shedding of blood*  
Isaiah 53: 3 *A man of sorrows & suffering*  
John 1:29 *The Lamb of God who takes*

- 1 No matter what oppression or experience we have gone through, the message of the cross remains the same.
- 2 The sinless sacrifice of Christ gives a message of hope, forgiveness, and healing to anyone who repents and trusts on the shed blood of Christ.
- 3 There is only one God and one sacrifice—and only by real faith in the shed blood of His Son will we find hope, healing, and forgiveness.
- 4 God loved us so much that sent His Son to *die* for us—now it is our turn to *love* Him and to *live* for Him in faithful obedience.
- 5 *We must never forget* that forgiveness is needed and Jesus makes that available.  
NKJV Hebrews 9:22 *“Without shedding of blood there is no remission.”*
- 6 No matter what we are going through, what mistakes we have made, or what wrong attitudes we have kept, the cross still reminds us every day that His blood was shed so we can be forgiven and changed.
- 7 The cross is *vital* important because God does not forgive sin in any other way.

8 Just our *asking* God to forgive us, does *not pay* for the pardon—and even *repentance* itself has *no merit* to pay the price to remove our guilt and forgive our sins.

9 We can cry out to God in anguish of heart, but all the sorrow in the world cannot forgive our sins if we leave out the cross and the sacrifice Jesus made on it.

10 God’s initial plan was to atone for sins by the shedding of blood. AV Leviticus 17:11 *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls.”*

11 Jesus gave His life to atone for our sins—the *cross* makes forgiveness possible.

12 God says AV Romans 6:23 *“The wages of sin is death”* and He means exactly that—the cross is required.

13 If we believe in Jesus, repent before God, and trust in His blood sacrifice, we are promised a gift of—*“eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

14 Apart from a blood sacrifice, all would be lost—it is the *perfect* sacrifice on the cross that saves us from an eternity in hell.

15 *We must never forget*—without the Cross, we would be without hope and forever separated from God.

16 God revealed the plan when the serpent was judged. Satan would *bruise the heel* of His Son, which pointed to the *cross* and the *price* that would be paid to redeem sinners.

17 The sacrifices of the Old Testament were preparing God’s people for the perfect sacrifice of the New Testament—Jesus would take everyone’s place on the Cross.

18 The sacrifices in the Old Testament *daily* immersed them in blood and *yearly* in awareness that sin is *fatal*. They were continually reminded that without the shedding of blood there is no way to be pardoned.

19 These constant sacrifices pointed to the radical way in which God would deal with sin. It is the only way for His creation to again be right with Him.

20 The Cross stands alone as an ever-present reminder that we can still be forgiven, if we will repent and turn back to God.

21 These daily and yearly reminders helped the Hebrews to orient their hearts and adjust their minds to God.

22 Each time they assembled to worship, they were conscious of their sin and desperate need of pardon. Constantly being reminded enabled them to appreciate God’s love and mercy—they *must never forget* the cross.

23 Passover assemblies recalled the experience in Egypt when Israel was spared, but the firstborn of the Egyptians were not. This final plague was the last of God’s judgments and it forced Pharaoh to release the Israelites.

24 Every Hebrew family would slay a lamb *without blemish* at sunset Exodus 12:5 and apply its blood on the doorway of their home. Exodus 12:13 *“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”*

25 When the Israelites obeyed God’s instructions, He extended His mercy and grace to deliver them. He was showing in a dramatic way that deliverance and protection comes only by the shedding of blood.

26 The cross stands alone as our reminder to *never forget* what it means—Passover and Communion is to be a *lasting ordinance* *“So that all the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from Egypt”* Deuteronomy 16:3.

27 John the Baptist said of Jesus: *“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”*

28 John 1:29. And it was during Passover that Jesus was arrested, mocked, and crucified. Communion symbolizes Christ laying down His life for us.

**29** During the last supper NIV Luke 22:15, Jesus said *“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”*

**30** 17 *“After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”*

**31** 19 *“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”*

**32** Every prayer said in the Name of Jesus recalls the mercy, love, and grace behind that atoning sacrifice.

**33** This time, God Himself was providing His Son as the Lamb. His shed blood covers every person who believes in Him and who trusts on His sacrifice.

**34** *We must never forget what Jesus did and why He did it.*

**35** When Communion was introduced, it was a meal for His faithful followers. They had a special bond with the Master, and Communion is a special time of meditation, forgiveness, prayer, and praise to God for the huge price He paid for us.

**36** Isaiah 53:3 tells us that Jesus is *“a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering”*—having us recall Jesus walking in Gethsemane and saying, *“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death”* Matthew 26:38.

**37** He meant that literally! The suffering was so overwhelming that the Father sent an angel to strengthen Him.

**38** All that God had planned centuries ago to save a world heading for the fire of Hell, hung in the balance of this moment.

**39** All that God had foretold through sacrifices and the prophets—Moses, Samuel, David and others led to this one moment in time.

**40** The teaching, healings, and miracles had all been accomplished—there was only *one thing* left for Jesus to do—but it was the *most difficult*.

**41** His thoughts and final plea as He prayed in Gethsemane—AV Mark 14:36 *“Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me.”*

**42** Everything in God’s redemption plan depended upon Jesus saying next—*“nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.”*

**43** The Son was *willing* to do what the Father sent Him to do—so He said AV John 12:27 *“For this cause came I unto this hour.”*

**44** Jesus would obey even if it meant an agonizing death—He AV Philippians 2:8 *“humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”*

**45** Jesus *prayed alone* when His disciples approached. He asks Luke 9, *“Who do the people say I am?”* Then *“Who do you say I am?”* Simon replies *“You are, the Christ of God.”*

**46** Jesus then tells them of the sacrifice He would make. Luke 9:22 *“The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”*

**47** Jesus knew the time was right for Him to reveal His Father’s plan—they would now understand.

**48** Approaching Jerusalem, the Master continues to tell them of what would be written *about* Him—it is what He *had* to do.

**49** Jesus AV Philippians 2:6 *“being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”* NLT *“Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God.”*

**50** We often *cling* to *our* rights—we think we *deserve* them, but when we *gave our life* to God, we *give all the rights* of our life to Him.

**51** The One who has the unquestionable right to be our *Counsellor* our *Lord* and our *Savior* has the rights to our life.

**52** AV Hebrews 5:8 *“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And, being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”*

**53** We are required to *believe* Him, *obey* Him, *trust* Him, and *allow* Him to have *His* way with our life.

**54** It the only way He can *teach* us and *change* our ways, words, desires, and attitudes—the *only* way! This giving up every *thing* and every *attitude* we had is absolutely necessary!

**55** Jesus is equal with God, but He did *not cling* to His rights *as* God. He gave Himself totally to the Father, so He could complete the *conversion* of our heart and the *renovation* of our attitudes to be like *His* toward *us*—of *forgiveness*, *compassion*, and *love*.

**56** This total submission of *Jesus’ will* to the *Father’s will* required that He endure the *horror* of the Cross—something we will *never* have to face! *Indeed! We must never forget!*



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