

Volume 2 – Day 12: Jesus + Nothing = Everything

The conscious experience of salvation in a person's life then is complete and utter willingness to receive Jesus as the only means of access to God for full redemption. Any other way is not acceptable. No other way will work as Acts 4 states, “By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the One you killed on a cross, the One God raised from the dead, by means of His name this man stands before you healthy and whole. Jesus is ‘the stone you masons threw out, which is now the cornerstone.’ Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by which we can be saved, only this one.” — Acts 4:10-12 MSG

Jesus took the punishment for our sin, separation from God, by death on the cross so that we could be set free. Every person on the globe faces the option of walking defiantly away from God and living apart from God in total independence. However, the other option is to choose to be in close relationship with God. The pinnacle of this is to live as if we were in the garden of Eden as in the beginning with God.

Since Jesus walked on the earth, was tempted just like we are, and did not succumb to the temptations, He became qualified, legally, to die on the cross to pay our punishment, which we all deserve. Don't look for any other way to heaven. Don't look for your good deeds to outweigh your bad deeds. Don't look for your church, your righteousness, your theology, your religion, or acts of kindness to grant you access to God's presence forever.

Only personal faith in Jesus and acceptance of the substitutionary penalty of Jesus Christ on the cross sets one free from the penalty of their own wrong doing. He died to pay the penalty in order to restore us to God. Through Him and Him alone, we can be set free.

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

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