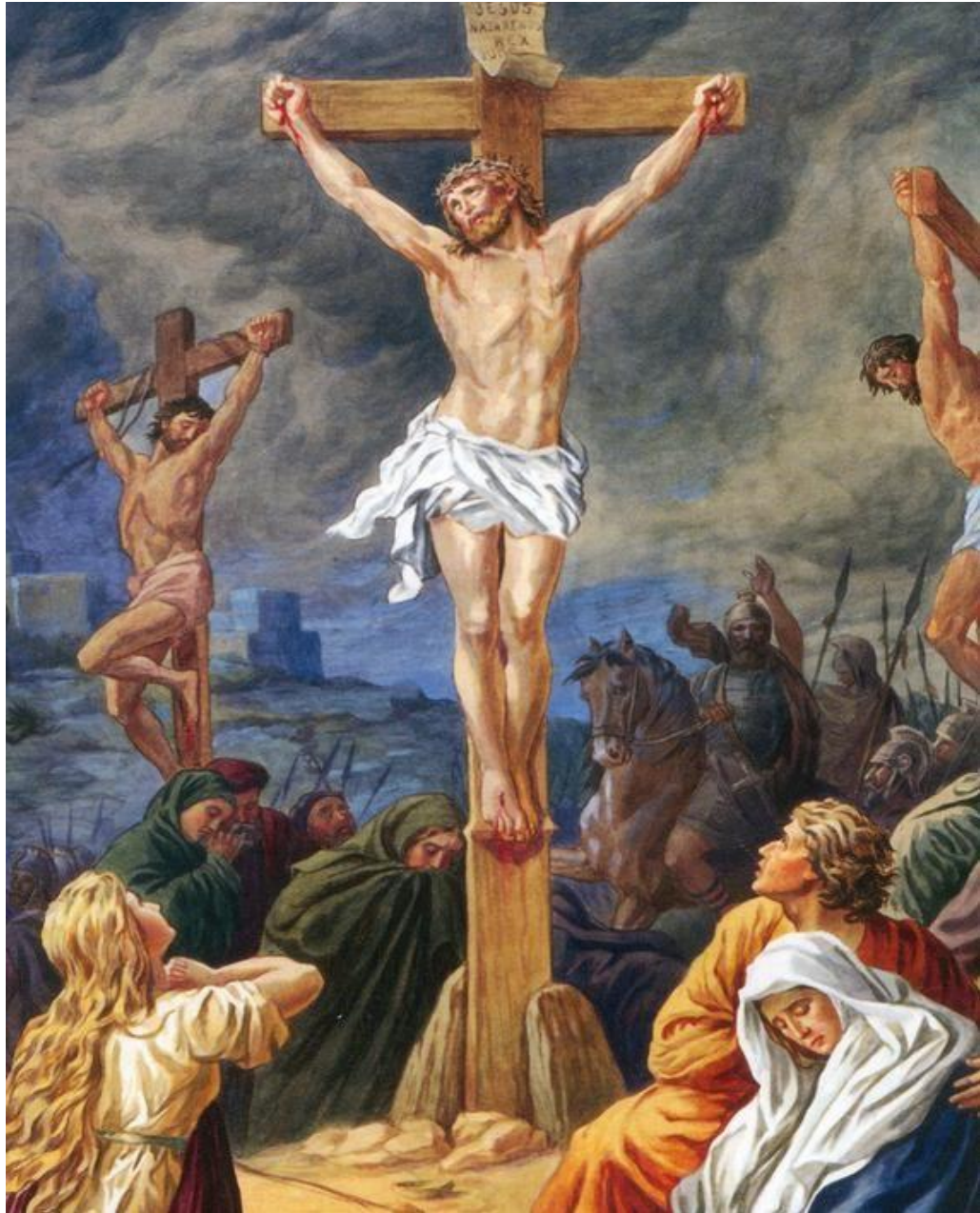


The crucifixion of Jesus Christ the Son of God...



**is the Gateway to Heaven,
if you accept its premises.**

The symbolism of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Jesus was crucified with **three** iron nails to a wooden cross. With those three nails he **firstly** bought any man or women who accept him as God the three p's of salvation namely:

- 1) Salvation from the penalty of sin or the eternal flames of Hell.
- 2) Salvation from the power of sin here on earth.
- 3) Salvation from the presence of sin in the life to come in heaven.

Sin is the cause of all the pain and suffering the world has experience throughout the ages.

In order to buy humanity salvation from the penalty of sin Jesus willingly laid down his own life, because he knew what awaited him when he stayed in Jerusalem during the Passover. The Jewish leaders of his day hated him and his message because he exposed their hypocrisy, and he usurped their role of spiritual leadership over the people under their rule.

In order to be saved from the penalty of sin you must go in the presence of the Almighty perfectly holy God in the next life without him judging you for mistakes you have made while alive on earth. Because he is a righteous judge, he cannot let anybody past his judgement seat without paying for their mistakes. He has only one penalty; eternal torture. In order to pay for the penalty of the sin of a human being Jesus had to suffer a torturous ceremonial death resembling the horrors of Hell.

The crucifixion of Jesus is therefore a picture of Hell. Firstly, before Jesus was crucified he went through three trials. This is what awaits people who have not made peace with God. When you enter God's presence with your sin unforgiven your sinful past lifestyle and unmistakable sinful character will be etched against his holiness and guilt will engulf you. This sense of **guilt** will never leave you because the flames of Hell is nothing other then the presence of God. **Revelation 14** *¹⁰ he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulphur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.* Jesus could not escape the torture of the nails of the cross and Hell is a similar place. There is **no escape** from the **continuous** eternal torture of Hell and there is no end in sight. No hope, no peace and no love. The first thing a condemned sinner will experience is the continuous **rejection** from a powerful host of supernatural beings and their almighty God just like Jesus experienced the **rejection** of the Jewish leaders and their supporters who screamed for him to be crucified. Acceptance gives the soul peace but rejection brings fear. The second thing a condemned sinner will experience is **humiliation** in front of many. Jesus was **humiliated** before his crucifixion by the soldiers, then he had to carry his own cross until he could no more, then they confiscated all his clothing and nailed him publicly in front of both his enemies and his loved ones to a cross. In hell a person will be **ashamed** of himself and who he is in relation to God. It is a place of shame. Jesus was also **shamed** during his crucifixion. He was teased: "Others he could save. Why don't he save himself?" Jesus was always a strong and capable person during his life but during his crucifixion he lost all **ability** to defend himself or to do anything at all. He struggled just to breath and his hands and feet were painfully immobilised. A condemned person in Hell will lose all his **abilities**. You won't be able to express your talents or abilities there in any way. The human psyche has just three questions it wants answered positively to be happy:

1. Am I **accepted** or loved. No-one likes rejection.
2. Do I have a good **identity**? No-one likes humiliation, shame and guilt.
3. Can I do it or do I have the **ability**? No-one likes the inability to live.

So **secondly** with the **three nails** Jesus was crucified with he bought any man or women who accept Him as the God of their lives, salvation from the **threefold psychological** as well as the **physical** eternal torture of Hell. Hell is a place that any human being, who cares anything about his or her own wellbeing, should be **fearful** of. Before Jesus was captured, he sweated blood because

he feared all the trauma he was about to endure. Hell is a real place that was created to judge the forces of darkness but humans who obey the forces of darkness will also go there. It is by far the biggest issue we all face. Jesus died to save humanity from that. The crucifixion of Jesus proves Hell is a **real** place, and it gives you some **insight** into its horrible pain and suffering.

The crucifixion of Jesus also proves that there is **no other way to escape Hell than to accept the sacrifice of Jesus**. Jesus asked the Father if He could be spared the crucifixion. God did not answer yes. Jesus had to endure the cross until death because it was the only way for him to save humanity. If there was another way, then he had suffered in vain. **Luke 22** ³⁹ *And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." ⁴³ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵ And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."* Jesus also stated that he is the only way to the Father in Heaven in John 14:6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. **No one** comes to the Father **except** through me."* This is an offensive message to people of other faiths. Heaven has only one door and that is Jesus the only born Son of God.

The fact that Jesus had to pay for humanity in such a manner also tells you that **sin is a very serious matter to God**, because he is a righteous judge. Someone must pay the penalty for your sin. If you do not allow Jesus to take your sin upon him by putting your faith in him and asking God to forgive all your transgressions against him, you will have to pay the penalty for your own sins yourself eternally in Hell. Everybody sins. God's eternal law is mentioned by Jesus in **Mark 12** ²⁹ *Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."* No-one on earth has ever kept this commandment according to God's standard except Jesus. That is why he was an acceptable sacrifice to God in our place. **2 Corinthians 5** *We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. So **thirdly** with the **three nails** Jesus was crucified with he bought any man or women who accept Him as the God of their lives the following:*

1. **Forgiveness** of all your sin.
2. **Innocence** before the judgement seat of God.
3. A **righteousness** character and life in the eyes of God. This is called justification.

You need all three these traits to be accepted by God the Father and they can only be found in the **substitutionary** sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. Jesus had to leave his exalted position in Heaven to become a man and die in our place, because he is the only one worthy of meeting God's standards of perfection. Jesus is a unique true brave hero!

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