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THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.” (1 Peter 3:18)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God's Will</i>	Through the death of His Son, God has given us the greatest gift – eternal life.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is love, and Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb.
<i>Good Work</i>	Take up God's mission. Live for Jesus Christ by trusting in God's plan and doing His will, and by magnifying God in everything we do.

A. The Perfect Plan of Salvation

Because of sin, everyone was separated from God. Only through Jesus' death and resurrection could we be allowed entrance into heaven.

B. Jesus Christ's Mission and Crucifixion

- **Jesus' Mission and Purpose:** Jesus' mission was clear from His birth: to save mankind from sin. Every action He made throughout His life was for the progression of this purpose.
- **Jesus' Faithfulness to His Mission:** Even from a young age, Jesus conducted Himself with purpose and determination. He constantly called sinners to repentance and taught the new law of love through His teachings and His actions.
- **Jesus Is Arrested:** Jesus predicted Judas' betrayal and understood the suffering He was about to experience, to the point of desperate prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. Nonetheless, when His enemies came, He gave Himself to them peacefully and willingly.
- **Crucifixion:** Jesus gave His own life for mankind after being tortured, humiliated, and nailed to the cross. Even on the cross, His enemies mocked Him while He suffered.
- **Jesus Gives Up His Spirit:** The final agony for Jesus was when He gave up His spirit to experience death, all so that we might live.

C. The Progression of the Crucifixion (as recorded in the four Gospels: Mt 27; Mk 15; Lk 23; Jn 19)

Only by reading all four recordings of Jesus' death can we begin to understand what truly occurred on the cross. Each focuses on different events, but all display Jesus' great love for us in His willingness to undergo such humiliation and pain and in His capacity to forgive those who inflicted it upon Him.

D. Jesus Tastes Death on Our Behalf

Jesus' crucifixion is the greatest manifestation of love. It is a display of both the darkest side of humanity and the ultimate triumph of life over death.

Life Application

- Taking Up the Mission: Are we willing to preach the messages of the gospel?
- Live for Jesus Christ: Trust God's plan and do His will; magnify God in everything we do.

Conclusion

Jesus freely gave His life for our sakes. Knowing that, the only way we can even begin to repay the debt of love we owe to Him is by trusting in God's plan, doing His will, and magnifying God in everything we do. That way, our lives can be a beacon of hope and testimony to those around us.

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Lesson 10 Homework Assignment

The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (1 Peter 3:18):

1. Who are the “unjust,” and for what purpose did Christ have to suffer?
2. What was Jesus Christ’s mission and purpose during His time on earth?
3. How did Jesus’ actions show His faithfulness to His mission during His life and crucifixion?
4. Read Luke 23:34. What was Jesus’ reaction to those who tortured and humiliated Him?
5. What was Jesus’ commission to His followers? What are some ways we can fulfill this commission?
6. Have you magnified God in your actions this past week? Explain how you have or have not and how you might change that this coming week.