

# The Cost of Our Salvation

## Philippians 2:5-8

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<sup>5</sup> “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.  
<sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

In our world of electronic banking and credit cards, it’s easy to ignore what things cost. The same is true with sin. Our culture enjoys temporary pleasures while disregarding what God says is the price of transgression ([Romans 6:23](#)).

### Romans 6:23 (NASB)

<sup>23</sup> “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

The Bible tells what our sin cost Jesus. For our sake, He suffered...

**Physical pain.** During the hours leading up to His crucifixion, Jesus was mocked, beaten, and humiliated. (See [John 19](#).) In His weakened state, He was forced to carry on His shoulders the instrument of His death—the cross. Then He was nailed to it and hoisted up to die an excruciating death.

**Man’s sin.** Jesus lived a perfect life on earth and never knew the disgrace of sin or the bitterness of regret. But at the cross, the Father placed all of mankind’s sins upon the Savior ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). There, Christ experienced the fullness of our transgressions, guilt, and shame.

### 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)

<sup>21</sup> “He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

**Abandonment.** In the final hours, Jesus was separated from His Father ([Mark 15:34](#)), their fellowship broken for the only time since eternity past. Our sin became the barrier that kept them apart until Jesus Christ’s work of atonement was finished ([John 19:30](#)).

### Mark 15:34 (NASB)

<sup>34</sup> “At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” which is translated, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

### John 19:30 (NASB)

<sup>30</sup> “Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

**Divine judgment.** God's wrath was poured out on Jesus because of man's sin. Christ experienced the condemnation we deserved ([Isaiah 53:5-6](#); [Romans 5:9](#)).

[Isaiah 53:5-6 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>5</sup>“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.”

[Romans 5:9 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>9</sup>“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”

Our Savior suffered greatly on our behalf, shedding His blood so we might become part of God's family ([John 1:12](#)). He calls us to a life of sacrificial service—doing the Father's work and living to please Him. In light of what our salvation cost, how can we do anything less?

[John 1:12 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>12</sup>“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name.”