

## **The Wednesday Word, September 25, 2019: Three Wonderful Things About Jesus**

Of course, there are more than three wonderful things to be said about the Lord Jesus. What follows are but three of them. When we consider Christ's relationship with sin, we notice that... Jesus Knew No Sin (2 Corinthians 5:21). He was absolutely sinless. His nature and essence were devoid of imperfection. He was the "holy one of God" (Mark 1:24). The Spirit affirms this (Luke 1:35), and the demons confessed it (Luke 4:34). In all points, He was tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

2 "He did no sin" (1 Peter 2: 22).

Every thought of His heart, word of His lips, and deed of His life was for and to the Father. He was sinless. There was no deficiency in Him. His was a perfect beauty of character. He was pure in heart, purpose and thought!

The Father acknowledged this saying, "This is my beloved Son; in whom I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

Jesus knew His own sinlessness. He said, "I always do those things that please him (the Father)" (John 8: 29).

Pilate's wife also knew it. She sent a message to her husband saying, "Have nothing to do with that just man" (Matthew 27:19).

Pilate acknowledged it. He declared, "I find no fault in Him" (John 19:4).

The dying thief recognized it. He said, "This man has done nothing amiss" (Luke 23:41). He, as it were, said to his fellow felon, "You and I never did a right thing, this man never did a wrong one."

Judas, the devil's servant, knew it and confessed, "I have betrayed the innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4). "Innocent" means there was no hurtful thing in Him, He was not harmful but was clean, and without blame. He was innocent! He did no sin.

But not only did Christ have innocent blood, it was also "THE" innocent blood. He was the only one who was genuinely innocent. All others had sin. No one was innocent, no one, that is, but Christ. His was the "The blood," the only blood that could atone for sin.

What a contrast there is between man and Christ. And this brings us to the third wonderful thing: God "made him to be sin" (2 Corinthians 5: 21). Being the sinless man, He was uniquely qualified to become our sin-bearer. But more than that, He was "made sin" (reckoned to be sin and treated as such) that He might put sin away. For a person to qualify to die for our sins they would have to be sinless. In God's courtroom, a sinner couldn't give his life for other sinners. A sinner would have to die for His own offences. Our Lord Jesus Christ, however, could stand in the place, and stead of sinners, because He had no sin of His own. He was guiltless.

He was made sin. This happened when the Father laid upon Jesus the entire weight of the sins of His people. Instead of belonging to His sheep, our sin was reckoned to Christ. However, at the same time, Christ's righteousness was placed to the account of the guilty. The guilty are now treated as righteous because He who knew no sin, was treated as such.

I like what Spurgeon says on this matter, “Christ was not guilty, and could not be made guilty, but He was treated as if He were guilty because He willed to stand in the place of the guilty. Yes, He was not only treated as a sinner, but He was treated as if He had been sin itself in the abstract. This is an amazing utterance. The sinless one was made to be sin.”  
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Three wonderful things about Jesus: He knew no sin. He did no sin. He was made sin.

And that’s the Gospel Truth!