

## A Spiritually Peaceful Death!

Sin introduced death to the human race: however, according to the book of Hebrews, Christ purged our sins before He sat down in cosmic authority. (Hebrews 1:3). We need to let this sink in! At the cross, Christ did away with our sins and uncleanness. At the cross, our sins were judged, punished and paid for before we had even committed them!

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So how did Christ purge our sins? Was it ...

By His teaching?

By His kind words?

By His miracles?

No, He purged them, "By Himself." (Hebrews 1:3, 7:27).

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Jesus is the Lamb who has taken away our sins. (John 1:29). He is the one, "Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree." (1 Peter 2:24). He is the One who "By His own blood entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Hebrews 9:12). He is the one who "offered himself without spot to God." (Hebrews 9:14).

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So where are your sins? He has purged them. (Hebrews 1:3)! That means they are gone! Our sins and their filth have been effectively taken away, once for all! Look around you ... where are your sins? They don't exist ... they are purged ... they have been, not merely forgiven, they have been removed and forgotten. Because of the cross, we have been rendered as those who are clean!

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We sometimes forget that in the Old Testament, the atonement left the believers clean. Leviticus 16:30 says, "*For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.*" How much more then does the true priest, the Lord Jesus, by His atonement declare us clean before God?

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So where are your sins? I'll tell you where God says they are: He has cast them behind His back.

Well, where is that?

Spurgeon tells us, "It is nowhere, for God is everywhere present, seeing everything. So that is where my sins have gone; I speak with the utmost reverence when I say that they have gone where Jehovah himself can never see them. Christ has so purged them that they have ceased to be."

Our sins are now done away with in Him.

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Although we were guilty, vile, helpless and worthy of death (Romans 1:18-3:20), in the gospel, God Himself came alongside us in the Person of the Son and stood up for us. This is unspeakable mercy and immeasurable love. Christ Jesus, because of His great love for us, became our representative and bore our sins on the terrible cross. And He was glad to do it; He was willingly judged and found worthy of death, not for His own sins, but for ours.

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Being justified, we are now accounted as innocent and free from our sins in the eyes of the Judge. Our sins have already been punished and it is, therefore, not possible for God to find any sin in His people. In God's courtroom, there is no double jeopardy. A penalty cannot be legally demanded twice. No believer can be charged, therefore, for a debt that has already been fully paid.

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Christ has gone on to prepare a place for us that where He is we may be also. He is already in Heaven, His work is finished, His salvation is perfect, complete and all-sufficient. Do you, from your heart, believe this? The Lord Jesus Himself has personally removed every barrier that blocked our access to Glory. We will not perish, we have eternal life—this is a guaranteed gift to all believers (John 3:16).

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The Christ who was crucified has risen and the believer is reckoned in Him as perfect and righteous before the Father (Colossians 2:10). That's the way the Father sees it and who are we to argue with Him? We are free from sin, already judged righteous, pure, perfect, and are sitting together in heavenly places in Christ. (Ephesians 2:6).

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"Other Refuge have I none,  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah, leave me not alone;  
Still support and comfort me. "

All my hope on Thee is stayed;  
All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing."

**We are safe!**