

Elementary Children's Church

Lesson 5

Why did He (Jesus) Die?

1. It was God's plan from beginning, that there must be a sacrifice. "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." (**Hebrews 9:26**) From the very first family, Abel brought the lamb and sacrificed it unto God: the foreshadowing of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God that would become sin for us who knew no sin. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (**II Corinthians 5:21**) This is the same type seen in the Ram in the thicket that spared Isaac's life (**Genesis 22**).

2. Jesus Christ came to die, to give us life and life more abundantly. "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (**John 10:10**)

3. Jesus became sin for us, who knew no sin. He lived & fulfilled the law (the 10 commandments) that I could not, so I might live forever with Him. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (**II Corinthians 5:21**)

4. He came: ~To wash my sins: "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (**Psalms 51:2**) ~To forgive and forget my sins "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." (**Hebrews 10:17**) ~So that I could come unto God, accepted: "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." (**Ephesians 1:6**). "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (**Psalms 103:12**). "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (**Romans 5:1**): justified=just as if I never sinned.

5. Grace: an undeserved, unmerited gift. He died because He so loved the world. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (**John 3:16**).