

“By His Wounds You Have Been Healed”

Word

Scripture Reference

1 Peter 2:24

Discussion Questions

1. Describe how you would normally act in response to good news.
2. Read 1 Peter 2:24. When Jesus died on the cross, He bore deep darkness of the sins of all mankind. Sin brought with it death (Gen. 2:15-17; 3:17-19), a curse that fall on all of God’s creation. How was sin manifested in the second generation of mankind (Gen. 4:6-8)? How did mankind progressively go deeper into sin (Gen. 6:5)? As a result, how did God deal with man’s sin (Gen. 6:7)? Discuss how sin is still prevalent in our society today.
3. When Jesus bore your sins—the righteous dying for the unrighteous—He took all of your sins upon Himself and suffered the greatest of all sufferings: being abandoned by God. He suffered terribly and was in excruciating pain (Matthew 27:46). Discuss how difficult it must have been for Jesus that day He died. Why did He have to die? What did He mean when He said, “It is Finished!”?
4. Jesus died on the cross; that is certain. In biblical times, when criminals are crucified, they were not taken down until they are dead. Crucifixion is a very terrible and cruel punishment—a slow, painful death that can take several days. Why did the criminals beside Jesus got their legs broken? Why was Jesus spared from having His legs broken (John 19:34)? Instead of breaking His legs, what did the Roman soldiers do to Jesus to ensure that He was dead?
5. Jesus rose from the grave on the third day. His resurrection was prophesied in the Old Testament and predicted by Jesus Christ Himself. Who had witnessed that Jesus actually rose from the grave? Discuss the implications or effects of His resurrection. Share how Jesus’ resurrection has impacted your life as a Christian. How do you commemorate Jesus’ death and resurrection?

Walk

As a child of God, you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). You are no longer a slave to sin, but empowered to live for righteousness (Galatians 2:20). What usual dangers will throw you off and cause you to take for granted what Christ has done for you? Meditate upon how you cannot forget Christ’s sacrifices to redeem you. Read the Scripture so that you will not drift toward the world and ask God to give you victory over rationalizing sin.

Worship & Prayer

Father, thank You for the cross. Thank You for the price Jesus paid for my sin, bearing all my sin and shame, suffering torturous pain, so that I may be forgiven and freed. Thank You for the new life I now have in Christ.

I praise You, Lord Jesus, for rising again, conquering death and ensuring victory for those who choose to put their trust in You. For all that You did for me, for everything You are, for the unconditional love You poured upon me, You deserve the highest form of praise: my life lived in obedience to Your will. Enable me to resist the temptation to go back to my old life of sin. As You have endured, give me the strength to endure the sufferings I will face as I strive to live a life of righteousness. May I never forget the price You had to pay, and may I never lose awe of the power You demonstrated when You took my sin, died, and rose from the grave. In Your mighty name we pray. Amen.