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# ***Walking Towards the Cross: Jesus Died for You!***

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“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” *Romans 3:23–26, ESV*

“... the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” *Galatians 2:20, ESV*

When We Say That Jesus Christ Died for Us, We Simply Mean That We  
Deserved to Die, But Jesus Died in Our Place

“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” *Romans 5:8, ESV*

**Jesus Died for Me So That He, In My Place, Would Bear God’s Anger  
Toward My Sin**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Romans 6:23, ESV*

God Has Wrath Towards Self-Satisfied Sinners.  
Love Towards Remorseful Sinners

## **1. My Spiritual Condition**

<sup>23</sup> “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Sinned: To Act Contrary to The Will, Ways and Word of God

Fall Short: To Fail to Attain

The Glory: The Splendor of God

## 2. BUT, the Cross Changes Everything

<sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Justified: Declared Right with God

Grace: To Show Kindness to Someone

Gift: Something Given Without Cost to the Recipient

In: The Location

Christ: A title – The Promised One – Messiah

Jesus: The Evidence of the Fathers Love for You

## 3. Jesus Died Because God Loves You

<sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins"

Propitiation: An Offering to Satisfy

Blood: The Cost of Forgiveness

He Had Passed Over: The Result of Forgiveness

#### 4. What Do I Have to Do?

<sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus"

Just: God Meets His Own Requirements for Justice

Justifier: God Meets Our Need for Forgiveness

Faith: How I Appropriate Forgiveness

Prayer for Salvation

*"Lord Jesus, I want to have Eternal Life. I thank you for dying on the cross in my place. I open the door of my heart and give my life to you. By faith, I accept you as my Savior and the Lord of my life. I thank you for giving me eternal life and forgiving my sins. Guide my life according to your will"*