

Christ Died for Your Sins According to Scripture: I Corinthians 15:1-5, Romans 4:35-5:9

Small Group Study Guide:

1. Quoting **1 Timothy 4:2-4**, the pastor opened this message pointing out that in our modern times just as it was in Jesus' day "*truth and faith have always been rare commodities.*" How then should we Christians be living so as to be a witness within an antagonistic culture?
 - *Other verses to help you answer this question: 2 Timothy 2:15-16, 1 Peter 3:13-17*

From the main sermon text **1 Corinthians 15:1-5**, our pastor noted that Paul was literally "shouting at the Corinthians" in print because they had begun to theologically waffle on two major, uncompromisable, tenants of the Christian faith:

- Christ died for our sins According to the scriptures
- Christ was buried and raised again According to the scriptures

This week's message emphasized Christ's death (*next week will emphasize his resurrection*).

2. Why do you think that "Christ died for our sins" is an uncompromisable tenant of faith?
3. Do you know why someone had to die?
 - *Use these verses to help answer the question: Romans 3:23, 6:23, 4:25-5:9.*
4. While John didn't use the term "**vicarious atonement**" he described it as "*another person, not guilty of sin, could offer to die in our place.*" But, how is it that by his death, Christ was able to accomplish forgiveness for our sins when animal sacrifice could not?

*This question may take a lot of time to answer ... But if you read together and discuss **Hebrews 9:11–10:22** you can come up with a workable answer. (note especially Hebrews 10:1-5)*
5. What was Paul referring to when he wrote "the Christ died according to the scriptures." ?
 - *Multiple Old Testament passages refer to the suffering servant such as **Psalms 22** (which Jesus quoted from while on the cross). **Isaiah 53** describes the "arm of the lord" who carries away our sin*
6. Why do you think it was important for Christ's death to be foretold by prophecy?
 - *Read 1 Peter 1:10-12, 2 Peter 1:16-19*