

# **Jesus Only**

**12-28-25**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**This verse encapsulates the entire Bible. It presents the total purpose of the Bible. In 1Cor.2:2, Paul gives us the summary this verse and claims to know nothing else of importance.**

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

**We will take the foundation of the verse, Jesus Christ and HIM crucified, and look at its elaboration by examining 2 Corinthians 5:21. First we see that Jesus' crucifixion was allowed and purposed by God HIMSELF. 2Cor.5:21 says, God "made" Jesus to be sin. In Isaiah 53:4&6, 800 years before, this was prophesied.**

Isaiah 53:4&6 (ESV)

Jesus was smitten by God. The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Jesus was smitten (made to be sin) by God.**

**To make this more stunning, we see that Jesus was sinless. 2Cor.5:21 says, “Jesus knew no sin.” Jesus never did anything wrong.**

**1 John 3:5 (ESV)**

**You know that Jesus appeared in order to take away sins, and in Jesus there is no sin.**

**John uses the present tense (“in him is no sin”) to emphasize that sinlessness is characteristic of Jesus’ eternal nature. He was sinless in his preexistence, in his life in the flesh, and in his eternal position as Son. Now we see that God made the sinless Jesus to be sin.**

**Galatians 3:13 (ESV)**

**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.**

**Jesus became sin, our sin. Sinless Jesus paid our penalty. Jesus became a curse! Jesus not only died for our sin, the sinless Jesus became our sin. Like a big sponge, Jesus soaked up our sin on the cross. There was the complete identification of the sinless Christ with the sin of the sinner.**

**The OT shows that God always intended to show HIS love toward us and the eternal purpose of Jesus by removing our sin.**

Psalm 103:10–12 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**God says the same thing in Isaiah:**

Isaiah 43:25 (ESV)

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

**Back to 2Corinthians 5:21, now we see the magnificent purpose of the work of Christ. The verse says, “For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin, so that – reason, purpose – we might become the righteousness of God.” So that we may become as right as God. You may say, “We can’t be as right as God.” Why not? You say, “Because of sin.” But our sin is on Jesus. Now nothing separates us from God.**

**Jesus does it all. It is a free gift to be received. If the gospel is clearly preached, people will ask the same question they asked Paul.**

Romans 6:1 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **!We can do anything!**

**The good news preached clearly, people will recognize that salvation is a free gift; total, complete, with no work required on our part. We, also, received total transformation with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**We underestimate the power of God when we share HIS word. Preach Jesus crucified and God works. Keep it simple, we truly have only one message, Jesus. Therefore, we declare as the Apostle Paul:**

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