



What Did Jesus Actually Do For Me? August 21-22, 2021

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Because of the Cross:

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Galatians 3:26, 4:6 (NLT)

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ... And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."

2 My place in heaven is guaranteed, and I can treat people from every nation and culture as my family. (Ephesians)

A summary of Ephesians 1:

- In eternity past, God the Father planned everything necessary for us to be saved.
- In human history, God the Son (Jesus) died to make our salvation a reality.
- Beginning now, and through all eternity future, God the Holy Spirit is our guarantee that our salvation will never be lost.

What could be more secure than this?

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NET)

And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation)—when you believed in Christ—you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, who is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 2:14, 18-19 (ICB)

Because of Christ we now have peace. Christ made both Jews and non-Jews one people. They were separated as if there were a wall between them. But Christ broke down that wall of hate by giving his own body. ... Yes, through Christ we all have the right to come to the Father in one Spirit. So now you non-Jews are not visitors or strangers. Now you are citizens together with God's holy people. You belong to God's family.

3 I can live with genuine humility. (Philippians)

Philippians 2:5-8 (NET)

You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross!

4 I don't need any religious behavior to get me to God. (Colossians)

Colossians 2:13-17 (NLT)

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality.

Memory Verse for August, 2021

Micah 6:8 (NLT)

No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.



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