

**Why do Christians insist that Jesus had to die?**  
*Why couldn't God shout from heaven, "I forgive you!" ?*  
*Why isn't it enough to be a good person?*  
*Here's why:*



**God is Holy**—God is completely and totally pure without sin of any kind. We are separated from God because of our sin and imperfection (Isaiah 6:3–5).

**God is Righteous**—God requires justice. A price must be paid for every wrong. Sin is like a cancer that won't go away. It must be destroyed, which means we all get the death penalty. This is why no one can make it to heaven or be in God's presence on their own (Leviticus 17:11; Romans 3:23–26).



**God is Love**—God loves us so much and wants to have relationship with us. So after centuries of Old Testament animal sacrifice, he gave us Jesus Christ, who was simultaneously God and human. Jesus died in our place to pay the price (death) for the sins of all humanity, so we could connect with God (Romans 5:8).



Jesus' **resurrection** guarantees his followers spiritual victory and eternal life in God's presence (Revelation 1:17–18).

For you to **receive** the benefit of Jesus' death and resurrection, you must receive him as the Lord of your life. Both earthly and eternal benefits follow (John 1:12; 3:16).

**Why do Christians insist that Jesus had to die?**  
*Why couldn't God shout from heaven, "I forgive you!" ?*  
*Why isn't it enough to be a good person?*  
*Here's why:*



**God is Holy**—God is completely and totally pure without sin of any kind. We are separated from God because of our sin and imperfection (Isaiah 6:3–5).

**God is Righteous**—God requires justice. A price must be paid for every wrong. Sin is like a cancer that won't go away. It must be destroyed, which means we all get the death penalty. This is why no one can make it to heaven or be in God's presence on their own (Leviticus 17:11; Romans 3:23–26).



**God is Love**—God loves us so much and wants to have relationship with us. So after centuries of Old Testament animal sacrifice, he gave us Jesus Christ, who was simultaneously God and human. Jesus died in our place to pay the price (death) for the sins of all humanity, so we could connect with God (Romans 5:8).



Jesus' **resurrection** guarantees his followers spiritual victory and eternal life in God's presence (Revelation 1:17–18).

For you to **receive** the benefit of Jesus' death and resurrection, you must receive him as the Lord of your life. Both earthly and eternal benefits follow (John 1:12; 3:16).

**Why do Christians insist that Jesus had to die?**  
*Why couldn't God shout from heaven, "I forgive you!" ?*  
*Why isn't it enough to be a good person?*  
*Here's why:*



**God is Holy**—God is completely and totally pure without sin of any kind. We are separated from God because of our sin and imperfection (Isaiah 6:3–5).

**God is Righteous**—God requires justice. A price must be paid for every wrong. Sin is like a cancer that won't go away. It must be destroyed, which means we all get the death penalty. This is why no one can make it to heaven or be in God's presence on their own (Leviticus 17:11; Romans 3:23–26).



**God is Love**—God loves us so much and wants to have relationship with us. So after centuries of Old Testament animal sacrifice, he gave us Jesus Christ, who was simultaneously God and human. Jesus died in our place to pay the price (death) for the sins of all humanity, so we could connect with God (Romans 5:8).



Jesus' **resurrection** guarantees his followers spiritual victory and eternal life in God's presence (Revelation 1:17–18).

For you to **receive** the benefit of Jesus' death and resurrection, you must receive him as the Lord of your life. Both earthly and eternal benefits follow (John 1:12; 3:16).