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Good Friday

Today is Good Friday. The day that Jesus Christ, the perfect, spotless Lamb of God, bled and died. It is the day that Jesus atoned for all of our sins, past, present, and future! From the Fall of Man in Genesis 3 all humans are born with sin. Our sins are against a holy God who must punish those sins with death. In the Old Testament, sacrifices of animals were "types and shadows" of how death is needed to atone for sins. These sacrifices were to point the people of Israel towards the Messiah, who would sacrifice himself to save His people.

In <u>Galatians 3:13</u>, we see that Jesus became a "curse for us". By taking on this curse for us, he was taking on the due punishment that we all deserved (<u>1 Thessalonians 1:10</u>). In other words, there is now no more punishment left for us because Jesus took on the full punishment of God once and for all! (<u>Hebrews 9:26</u>; <u>Romans 8:1-4</u>)

This Good Friday, read <u>Genesis 3:1-15</u>. A quote I saw shared how in verse twelve of that passage, it says that Adam blamed his bride for the sins they committed. However, the Second Adam (Jesus Christ) said that He will take the blame for His bride (the Church). (<u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u>) Jesus took on the blame of our sin! Jesus was stripped of His clothing so that we may be robed in His righteousness. Jesus was beaten so that we may be embraced in the arms of our Father. Jesus bled so that we may be washed. Jesus' flesh was opened up so that we may be filled up with His Spirit. Jesus died so that we may have life. Jesus descended to the tomb so that we may be lifted up to heaven.

Take some time to meditate on the beautiful words of the song "In Christ Alone":

In Christ alone...
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live