For Whom Did Christ Die?

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But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. — Hebrews 2:9.

- **He died for His people.** "*...for the transgression of my people was he stricken.*" — Isa. 53:8. See also Mt. 1:21; Lu. 1:68,77).

    Isaiah 53:8 (KJV) He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

    Matthew 1:21 (KJV) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

    Luke 1:68, 77 (KJV) Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,...**77** To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

- **He died for many**. "*...by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities*." — Isa 53:11 See also Mt. 20:28;*26:28; Mr 14:24; Heb 9:28.*

- **He died for His sheep.** "*I am the **good** shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."* — John 10:11. See also Jn. 14-16.

- **He died for the lost sheep of the house of Israel**. "*And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost*." — Luke 19:9-10.

- **He died for the Apostle Paul and *the saints at Rome.*** *"But God commendeth his love toward **us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* — Rom. 5:8. (These words were written to the saints at Rome.

- **He died for God's elect.** *"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for **us** all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"* — Rom. 8:32.

- **He died for the Apostle Paul and the brethren at Corinth.** *"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for **our** sins according to the scriptures;"* — 1Co. 15:3. These words were written to the church at Corinth.

- **He died for the Apostle Paul and the regenerate members of the churches of Galatia.** *"Who gave himself for **our** sins, that he might deliver **us** from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:"* — Gal. 1:4.

  - **He died for the Apostle Paul.** *"**I** am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in **me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved **me**, and gave himself for **me**."* — Gal. 2:20.

  - **He died for the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colossae.** *"And **you**, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present **you** holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:"* — Col. 1:21-22.

  - **He died for the Apostle Paul, Titus, and all men who have Jesus Christ as their great God and Saviour.** *"Who gave himself for **us**,*

*that he might redeem **us** from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”* — Titus 2:14.

- **He died for the Apostle Peter and God's elect scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.** “*For even hereunto were **ye** called: because Christ also suffered for **us**, leaving **us** an example, that **ye** should follow his steps:*” — 1Pe. 2:21.

- **He died for His friends.** “John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” — John 15:13.

- **He died for the church.** “*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*.” — Acts 20:28.

- **He died for the elect within the nation of Israel and the future children of God who were scattered abroad among the Gentiles.** “*And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.*” — Jn. 11:51-52.

- **He died for all the elect without distinction, or for men of all nations, tribes, and tongues.** *(Joh 1:29; 3:16-17; 4:42; 6:51; 12:32,47; Ro 5:18-20; 2Co 5:14-19; 1Ti 2:3-6; 4:10; 2Pe 3:9; Re 7:9-10).*
- **He died for the elect while they were in an ungodly** condition *(Ro 1:7; 5:6).*

- **He died for the elect while they were lost sinners** *(Ro 1:7; 5:8; 1Ti 1:15).*

- **He died for every man who becomes a glorified son of God and one of His sanctified brethren in the family of God** *(Heb 2:9-13).*

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