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One of the great themes of the Bible is the good news that salvation is found only in Jesus. On the Cross Jesus paid the price for our sins, he came to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Nothing can add to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus, it is a complete and full atonement, absolutely efficacious for the salvation of mankind. Jesus bore our sins, the innocent for the guilty (1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21). He humbled himself by taking on human form, and bore the shame of dying on the Cross (Phil. 2:5-11). But the greatest anguish was his separation from his Father.

Because of his merits we can be counted as righteous (Romans 5:1). Through faith we receive the gift of eternal life, not because we are worthy but because he is worthy. His victory over demonic forces means we also can be victorious over them too (Romans 8:38-39).

Jesus' death is also the means of transforming us, giving us new birth so we can live according to God's commandments (John 14:15).

There is no greater gift that the Father could have given than His own dear Son. As we near the Christmas season let us pause and give thanks to God for His great sacrifice and love shown in Jesus for each one of us.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:10

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;” Titus 3:5

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

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