

What Jesus Has Done For Us

By Dan C. Bailey

All of us have been assisted by friends in some way and somewhere along the road of life. With gratitude in our hearts we reflect upon that assistance and we usually express it with our lips by saying, 'Thank you.' Jesus has done so much for us, yet so few thank him by surrendering their lives to His service and submitting to His blessed will. It is good for us to take the time to think about what Jesus has done for us.

Jesus came down from heaven and left the glory that He had with the Father for our sakes. 'And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was' (John 17:5).

Jesus was rich but He became poor for us. 'For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich' (II Corinthians 8:9).

Jesus became flesh in order that He might die for all of mankind. '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).

Jesus had no sins but He was reviled and beaten in order that we might be healed. 'Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed' (I Peter 2:22-24).

Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. 'But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed' (Isaiah 53:5).

Jesus was oppressed and afflicted in order to obey the Father and to die for our sins. 'He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7). 'And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt' (Matthew 26:39). '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' (Galatians 1:4).

Jesus was despised and rejected of men in order that we might be acceptable to God. 'He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not' (Isaiah 53:3). 'In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace' (Ephesians 1:7). 'And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby' (Ephesians 2:16). 'This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved' (Acts 4:11-12).

These are just a few of the things that Jesus has done for us. We need to ask ourselves, 'What have we done for Jesus?'

(Bulletin Gold)

Christianity is more than a faith system; it is a way of life.

News & Notes

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Weirton Heights.....	April 16-21.....	Rico Brown
Kent.....	April 20-22.....	Ralph Price

OUR SENIOR DAY: Saturday, April 22nd, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch provided. Speakers: **David Roach**, Winfield Church of Christ, Winfield, WV and **Dale Parsley**, Dewey Ave. Church of Christ, St. Marys, WV.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, April 22nd, Steelton Church of Christ, New Martinsville, WV. Details on the bulletin board.

CHESTER'S LADIES DAY: Saturday, May 6th. Registration & Continental Breakfast: **9:00-9:30 a.m.** Program: **9:45-11:45 a.m.**, Lunch provided. Speakers: **Danielle Burch & Tam Raynor** of the Hanoverton congregation.

PANTRY: Canned potatoes.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Fox, Chester: Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **Calcutta Health Care:** Peggy Linger. **At Home:** Kevin Richmond, Blondenia Orr, Becky McKitrick, Pat Allison, Debbie Waite, Nancy Cox, Mike West, David Strum (Karen's husband), Jim Hadley, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece). **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **In Indiana:** Bill Miller. **In Rehab:** Sharon Beck. Home address: 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452.

I Gave My Life For Thee

It was in the year 1858 that Frances Ridley Havergal was inspired by a painting in an art gallery in Germany. The painting portrayed Christ on the cross, and over the crown of thorns were the words: "This have I done for thee; What hast thou done for me?"

So impressed was Miss Havergal with the picture and the words that she wrote a few lines of poetry. As she later looked again at her poetry, she was not satisfied with her effort and she threw the paper into the fireplace. But an interesting thing then happened: before the paper could catch on fire a gust of wind from the chimney blew the paper back out on the hearth.

Miss Havergal later showed her father the poetry she had written. He encouraged her to add more verses to complete the poem. This she did, thus making the first of what came to be hundreds of hymns written by this young woman. Because of her visit to an art museum in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1858, we are blessed by the words of this great song.



I gave my life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead;
I gave, I gave my life for thee,
What hast thou giv'n for Me?

