

## Christ Chose to Die for Me

At an early age most people become aware and fearful of dying and death; however, knowing you will die versus choosing to die are totally different. Choosing to die can be considered to commit suicide, to give up, to throw in the towel, and to quit, which is usually related to being depressed, oppressed, and feeling overwhelmed. None of this compares to why Christ chose to die for our sins.

Christ choice to die wasn't decided after seeing our mistakes, our disobedience, rebellion, or our failures; but his decision to die for us was before we were created (**Eph. 1:4**); he died while we were yet sinners (**Rom 5:8**). Christ death supersedes any other religions, euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, or being a human hero. Why, because no other religions do their god dies for its people, plus none of the other death's offer forgiveness of sins and eternal life for its followers. Therefore, every follower of Christ should know you're special to Christ, because Christ died for you calling you his friend (**John 15:13**), which reminds me of a special song "I am a friend of God, he calls me friend." Christ dying for his friends to bear our griefs and carry our sorrows (**Isaiah 53:4**).

Christ chose to die for us knowing his death would include him being oppressed, afflicted, and stricken (**Isaiah 53:4-7**). His death saves us from wrath, gives us life (fulfillment, eternal) which reconciles us and justifies us (**Rom. 5:7-9**). He chose to bear stripes to bare our sins that we will be healed and living unto righteousness (**1 Peter 2:24**). While also knowing his death would result in him being wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. Christ became obedient unto the death (**Phil 2:8**), he chose to pay the debt (ransom) for our sins, because, no man took his life, but instead he gave his life for you (**Mark 10:45**); He endured the cross (**Hebrews 12:2**); Giving his life as an offering (**Ephesians 5:2**), and laying all of our iniquities upon himself (**Isa 53:7**).

With this repeated evidence to know Christ chose to die for you, you should be convinced that you are special, beloved, adored, and loved by God! The evidence is conclusive that you are God's friend; especially after considering that he also chose to be oppressed, beaten, bruised, and die for you. Again, you should be convinced; so, with this knowledge don't let nothing like struggle, sin, disappointment or shame separate you from Christ love, don't get discouraged, don't be dismayed; but rather be diligent and go boldly to God's throne in obedience, reverence, praise, love, and faith to obtain and maintain this special relationship with God to receive restoration and reconciliation, especially after you've fallen short!

**Ephesians 1:4** "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love."

**Romans 5:7-9** <sup>7</sup>For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** <sup>9</sup>Much more then, being **now justified by his blood**, we shall be **saved from wrath through him.** <sup>10</sup>For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, **being reconciled**, we shall be **saved by his life.**

**Philippians 2:8** <sup>8</sup>And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and **became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

**Hebrews 12:2** <sup>2</sup>Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before **him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Mark 10:45** <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to **give his life a ransom** for many.

**John 15:13** <sup>13</sup>Greater love hath no man than this, that a man **lay down his life for his friends.**

**Isaiah 53:4-7** <sup>4</sup>Surely he hath **borne our griefs**, and **carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath **laid on him the iniquity of us** all. <sup>7</sup>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.

**John 10:17-18** <sup>17</sup>Therefore doth my Father love me, because **I lay down my life**, that I might **take it again.** <sup>18</sup>No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have **power to take it again.** This commandment have I received of my Father.

**1 Peter 2:24** <sup>24</sup>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.**

**Ephesians 5:2** <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and **hath given himself for us an offering** and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.