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# UNBRANDABLE

MARTYRDOM DOESN'T BRAND

THE GOOD NEWS  
THAT GOD IS OUT OF STEP WITH THIS WORLD

# EVERYONE HAS AN IDEA OF PARADISE

Usually  
includes:  
**safety,**  
**happiness**  
and  
**prosperity.**



**'HOW MANY STARS?  
THIS HOTEL WILL BE  
BEYOND STARS.'**



In Christianity,  
this happens  
through the  
suffering of Jesus.

Jesus suffered in your place, died your death, embraced your poverty, and failed your failure.

He did it so you can have *life, peace, blessing, and success!*

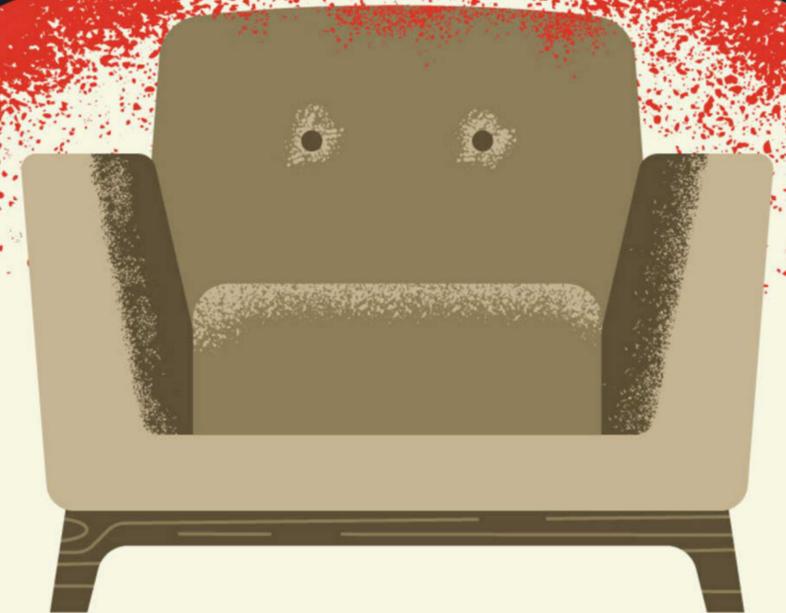
JESUS SUFFERED



**SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO**

IS that the  
message of  
Christ?

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## 2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that *in him* we might become the righteousness of God.



## **2 Corinthians 8:9**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.



# 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit...



When the part is  
made the whole,  
It can unravel the  
whole of the  
truth.

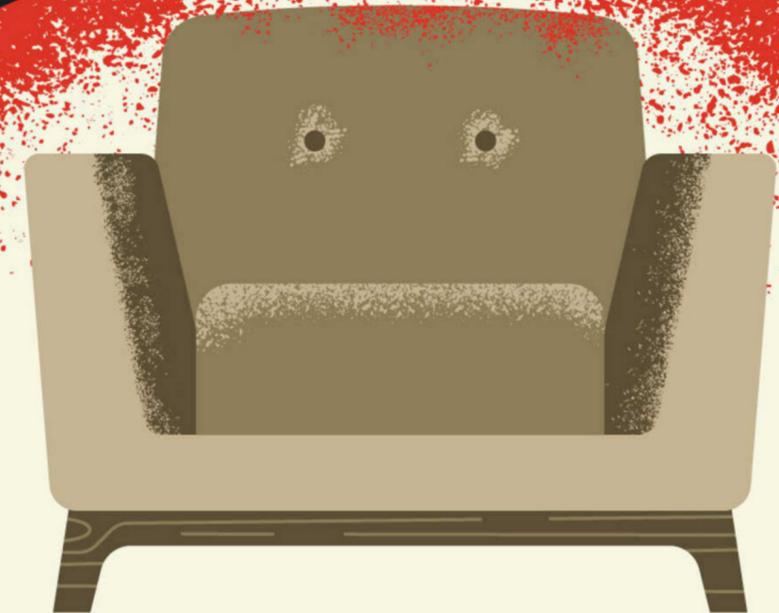
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**It's too simplistic  
and shallow for the  
irreligious, the  
seeker, the young,  
and the believer.**

**JESUS SUFFERED**



**SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO**

JESUS SUFFERED TO MAKE  
US HIS OWN SO THAT WE  
CAN BE FULLY UNITED  
WITH HIM

JESUS SUFFERED SO THAT WE CAN BE  
FULLY UNITED WITH HIM:

- in his death and his resurrection
- in his loss and his life
- In his rejection and in his glorification.

# 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, *to bring you to God.*



TO BE  
EFFECTED  
DOES  
MAKE YOU  
AFFECTED



## **Galatians 2:19 – 21**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



## **Luke 9:23 – 26**

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it."



## **Romans 6:3 – 4**

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.



## 2 Corinthians 4:8 – 11

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. **We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.** For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.



JESUS DIDN'T SUFFER SO  
WE DON'T HAVE TO.

JESUS SUFFERED TO MAKE  
US FULLY UNITED WITH HIM.

# HEART OF A MARTYR

Being united with Jesus in his  
life and death,  
daily united with him in his  
purposes



I. MARTYRDOM  
MEANS COMPLETE  
SURRENDER  
(discipleship)

## **Philippians 2:17 – 18**

**But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.**



# FORSAKING AS SURRENDER

**1 Kings 19** — livelihood

**Matthew 10:34 – 40** — even family

**Matthew 18:8 – 9** — body parts



# LEAVE AND CLEAVE



honest wedding photos?

2. MARTYRDOM MEANS  
FAITHFUL WITNESS  
(AMBASSADOR/APOSTLE)

## 2 Corinthians 5:14 – 21

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that **one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. *So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view...***



## 2 Corinthians 5:14 – 21

Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who **reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them...**



## 2 Corinthians 5:14 – 21

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, **as though God were making his appeal through us**. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



## **Luke 9:23 – 26**

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the...



## **Luke 9:23-26**

...whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."



3. MARTYRDOM MEANS  
EMBRACING  
EXPECTED SUFFERING

## **John 15:20 – 21**

Remember the words I spoke to you:

"No servant is greater than his master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.



## **2 Timothy 3:12**

**In fact, everyone who wants to  
live a godly life in Christ Jesus  
will be persecuted**



# SALVATION

**Union**

**Freedom**

**Love**

**Meaning**

**Security**



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