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## Encouraging & Equipping in Christ Devotionals

### The Cross - For Sin or Sins?

Did Christ die on the Cross for our sin or our sins? (Tricky question) My Utmost for His Highest devotional for October 8th and Romans 5:12 is that the sin of disposition of self-realization is why Jesus as the Son of God came to live and then die on cross as the Triune God planned. <https://utmost.org/the-nature-of-degeneration/>

Consider that God was and is like a Judge who fines you in Court but then pays the penalty with his own cash.

The sin of disposition is not immorality and wrong-doing as we seem to think in our churches and lives today. We as Christians will always be prone to commit a variety of sins as much as anyone but those acts of wrong-doing cannot annul the payment for the one sin of disposition for self-realization (that we can be god and with ignorance and pride not be dependent on God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the sin first committed by Adam and Eve). Our first parents failed the test and thus all men and women thereafter are infected with this virus or curse - even babies who are innocent of wrong-doing for at least a few days. The reason is that the sin of disposition has nothing to do with good or bad thoughts or actions - our sins. It is in everyone inherent or inherited nature unrelated to actions.

Based on this, we all need to take a deep breath and start living with more peace and freedom as a Child of God adopted into His Family. That is the Good News of the Gospel message. Freedom may not be truly freedom if we don't live with freedom as the guilt of sins can destroy any sense of freedom.

The truth is what we must tell ourselves and others daily. We are cursed, period, with no argument, BUT God as Creator and Judge already paid the penalty for the inherent disposition of total self reliance where we don't need God or any god because we think and act like we are god. We all get to live and act not only with thankfulness for God's forgiveness but by faith in God's future Grace. What God wants more than anything is that we relax and trust on Him and in His care each new moment. Be grateful for the past, yes, but mainly spend your time moving on depending on Him and His Grace.

Make sense? Christ died for our Sin and yes, for our sins. Have you heard of the doctrine of imputed righteousness? In Christ, we are righteous as He is righteous. If we are in Christ, it is as if we have never sinned. Can we do wrong? Yes, of course but the Judge has paid the penalty for our wrong-doing - our sins.

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