



Pastor's Comments

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"Passion" Dream

A man dreamed that he saw Jesus tied to a whipping-post, and a soldier was scourging Him. He saw the whip in the soldier's hand, with its thick lashes studded here and there with bits of lead, which were intended to cut into the flesh. As the soldier brought the whip down on the bare shoulders of Jesus, the dreamer shuddered when he saw the marks and blood-stains it left behind. When the soldier raised his hand to strike again, the dreamer rushed forward intending to stop him. As he did so the soldier turned around and **the dreamer recognized himself!**

The Jews or the Romans are often blamed for the awful sufferings and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, but the Bible clearly says that the cause was **our sins!** "...Christ died **for our sins...**" (I Cor. 15:3). "But he was wounded **for our transgressions,** he was bruised **for our iniquities...**" (Is. 53:5).

The Bible teaches, "**all have sinned**" (Rom. 3:23). **Our sin** separates us from an absolutely holy God. Because of His love for us, God took the initiative to break the impasse "and sent his Son to be the propitiation for **our sins**" (1 John 4:10). Jesus "suffered for **(our) sins...**that he might **bring us to God**" (I Pet. 3:18).

Once we understand that Jesus suffered for our sins, we must then sincerely **repent of our sins** before God and **accept by faith His payment** on the cross. Do it now and be saved! The Bible says, "If we confess **our sins,** he is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins,** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

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