

Easter in Two Words

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Easter in two words is:

1. _____: (at-one-ment): to make amends

1John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

2. _____: when someone else takes my place

In the reality of life:

1. We _____.

- We are not innocent. God knows our sin. We have sinned against God.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2. There needs to be _____.

- Someone needs to pay the penalty for those sins.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 9:22 ...and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

3. That atonement comes _____ through Jesus Christ dying on the cross.

- It is done. We can't do anything to earn that atonement.
- Jesus, the innocent infinite God paid an infinite price.
- Jesus is your substitute. He died once for all. He made the atonement.

1Peter 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Some nice things that do not accomplish atonement:

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John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

4. I have a _____ of accepting God's gift of Jesus dying on my behalf.

- God doesn't force me to love Him.
- He gives each person, you and I, an opportunity to get things right.

The Message of Easter is Jesus (my substitute) paid (atoned) for my sins by dying on the Cross. He is my substitute who made peace with God's holiness and my sinfulness.

The Mission of Easter is for people to not only share it...but respond to it. By faith believe Jesus is God and that He died for our sins. Accept Him as Forgiver and Leader in your life.

A prayer to model:

Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I accept your forgiveness for my sins. I want to trust and follow You as my Forgiver and Leader, as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.



1. Explain Easter in two words.
2. Think of some examples of the nice things that people do that do not accomplish atonement: sincerity; service; subtraction; ritual; heritage; comparison.
3. How is Jesus' death/resurrection real to you?
4. How would you explain the need for crucifixion to someone else?
5. Have you ever experienced a time of grief? Share.
6. When something upsets you, who is the first one you tell?
7. Read John 20. Describe the emotional state of those who first saw Jesus that Resurrection Sunday. Imagine the reaction/thoughts of Peter, John and Mary through this chapter.
8. When a friend of loved one dies, how does the resurrection of Jesus help you deal with your pain?
9. What are some proofs that Jesus rose from the dead?
10. What did Jesus tell his disciples in Matthew 20:17-19; 26:1-2? How does this display His authority?
11. How is it sometimes harder to accept a free gift than to pay your own way?



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