

He Gets Us.

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TEXT: LUKE 23:32-43

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NOTES

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"All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty together again." – Verse from Humpty Dumpty

But what all the king's horses and all the king's men can't do, God can.

In Step 7 we humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings.

We don't have to resolve to do better only to fail again and feel worse than before. We aren't strong enough to fix ourselves, in spite of our promises.

"I know that nothing good lives in me, in my sinful nature. I have the desire to do what is good, but I can't carry it out. The good I want to do I don't do and the evil I don't want to do – this I keep doing."

PAUL, ROMANS 7:18-19

"The real problem is in the hearts and minds of men. It is not a problem of physics but of ethics. It is easier to denature plutonium than to denature the evil spirit of man." – Albert Einstein

God gets us in Christ, and his power is available – a power greater than ourselves that can restore us.

How do we get things like fear, pride, greed, lust and anger removed from our lives? Where can we go for deeper-than-cosmetic surgery?

1. The Bible says we go to the cross of Jesus Christ.
2. He forever loosened sin's death grip on us. He was there to set us free.

Our defects and shortcomings needed forgiveness and our sinful nature needed to be nullified.

In Christ's death, God dealt with both the source and symptoms of our problem.

Deal with the source or the mopping up – from our sins, our defects, our junk – will never end.

"My sin, not in part, but the whole; was nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, it is well with my soul." – Hymn lyric, "It is Well with My Soul"



Jesus gets all my sins; they are gone. My sin debt has been legally transferred to him. Now it's paid in full.

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.”

1 PETER 2:24

“We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with.”

ROMANS 6:6

Step 7: Jesus has everything I need, so I ask God to help

“Away with this man (Jesus). Release Barabbas to us.”

LUKE 23:18

Jesus died in Barabbas' place, just as He died in our place.

For life change, we need to do what the thief on the cross did.

1. Admit Your Powerlessness

“We (thief on the cross) are punished justly...getting what our deeds deserve.” (Luke 23:41)

2. Treat Jesus like a Divine Rescuer

“Remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (Luke 23:42)

3. Surrender Yourself to Jesus

Jesus, remember me; don't forget me. I have nowhere else to go, no one else to turn to. God, I'm willing that you should have all of me – good and bad. Remove every single character defect that stands in the way.

“Truly (Amen) I say to you. Today you will be with me in paradise.”

LUKE 23:43

“Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.” – Hymn lyric, “Amazing Grace”

This world is full of traps – soul traps, heart traps, sex traps; but our God is full of freedom.

Remember me, King Jesus.

