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Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.

John 12:31-34

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³⁴ The crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

John 12:35-36

³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.

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Main Idea

The purpose of Christ's death was to glorify the Father by taking the punishment that sinners deserve and dying in their place.

In doing so, He secured the salvation of His sheep and silenced the accusations of Satan.

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Matthew 26:36-39

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and told His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with Him, and **began to be grieved and distressed.**

³⁸ Then He said to them, “**My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death**; remain here and keep watch with Me.”

³⁹ And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, **let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.**”

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Isaiah 53:5

But he was **pierced for our transgressions;**

he was **crushed for our iniquities;**

upon him was the chastisement that brought us
peace,

and **with his wounds** we are healed.

Luke 22:41-44

⁴¹ And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, ⁴² saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

⁴³ Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

⁴⁴ And **being in agony**, He was praying very fervently; and **His sweat became like drops of blood**, falling down upon the ground.

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John 5:28-29

²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of ***judgment***.

John 3:16-18, 36

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God...

³⁶ He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on

John 5:24

²⁴ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into ***judgment***, but has passed out of death into life.

2 Cor 5:21

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

John 12:31

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The death of Christ divides all of humanity into two groups:

Those whose sins are judged in the death of Christ, and those who, having rejected Christ, await a final and eternal judgment.

Romans 3:23-26

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the **redemption** which is in Christ Jesus;

²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation in His blood** through faith.

This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be **just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

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In the death of Christ, Jesus bore our sins and answered the wrath of God with a sufficient payment.

Since He propitiated the wrath of God in His substitutionary, atoning death, God is both just and justifier of those who have faith in Jesus Christ.

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Zechariah 3:1-5

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right to accuse him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a log snatched from the fire?" ³ Now Joshua was clothed in filthy garments and was standing before the angel. ⁴ And he responded and said to those who were standing before him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your guilt away from you and will clothe you with festive robes." ⁵ Then I said, "Have them put a clean headband on his head." So they put the clean headband on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by

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- b. The Devil was decisively defeated in the death of Christ (Revelation 12:10-11)

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¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

¹¹ And **they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb** and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

Satan has been thrown out of the divine courtroom,
where God Himself has issued the verdict of “not guilty”
for those He has chosen, silencing the Devil’s accusations.

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John 6:44

⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me ***draws*** him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:65

⁶⁵ And He was saying, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."

John 6:37

³⁷ **All that the Father gives** me **will come** to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 10:15-16

I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; **I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one** flock with one shepherd.

John 10:26-29

²⁶ But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.

²⁷ **My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ **My Father, who has given them to Me**, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 17:1-2

Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,² even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, **that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.**

Acts 13:48

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and **as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.**

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Christ's death on the cross not only makes it possible to offer salvation to all who believe (John 3:16), it actually secured and guaranteed with absolute certainty the gathering of all His sheep (John 10:16-17), including all of His children scattered abroad (John 11:52) who have been appointed to eternal life (Acts 13:48).

John 12:35

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1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness** at all.

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷ but **if we walk in the Light** as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

1 John 1:8-9

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

John 3:19-20

¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed

John 12:36

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