

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
[A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*]

This semester, perhaps for the first time, you have thought about God. He is thrilled. You have been more than a thought to God. Two thousand years ago, on a splintered cross, you were His focus; an unwavering commitment whose cost cannot be calculated.

- “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:32)
- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

If Jesus, God’s Son, had not died, you could do nothing more than think about God the Father. Knowing Him would not be possible because you would have NO access to Him. Jesus divulged, “No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

On the cross, Jesus removed what obstructs intimacy with God. “For Christ also died for sins, once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God.” (1 Peter 3:18) “You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” (Ephesians 2:13)

Sin, according to the Bible, offends holy God. Separation is an immediate consequence; condemnation is an inevitable consequence. You may call it “poor choices” or “bad behavior.” Regardless, “The wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)

On the cross, “God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus suffered our consequences in order to offer forgiveness, the grounds for a personal relationship. “It is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

Don’t settle for less!

The religions of the world define deity with lists of dos and don’ts. Morality, at best, is an impersonal obligation to rules. Guilt serves as a motivator. Jesus, on the other hand, extends amazing grace. You owe Him nothing; just love Him because “He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). “God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” (Romans 5:8)

Don’t delay the blessing!

God awaits your response: trusting Him with your life. That “leap of faith” begins a meaningful journey, walking with God. “Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

If you have questions, please talk to me.