

Suggested Article for English Corner Discussion

1. Article 4-4 “How To be Born Again (重生)”

The phrase “Born Again” (John 3:3) literally (按字面上的) means Born from above (从上面生, 从神生). It also carries the idea to become children of God through trusting in the name of Jesus Christ. When a sinner is saved (得救) from the wrath of God, he/she is born again, spiritually renewed (灵理更新) and is now a child of God by a new birth (新生为神的儿女). Jesus Christ who paid the penalty (刑罚) of our sin (犯罪), when He died on the cross. A true Christian is a child of God, a part of God’s family, and one who has been given a new life in Christ. He lives a life of love for others and obeys (服从) to God’s Word (圣经, 神的话).

When someone is kidnapped (绑架) and held prisoner (犯人) until a ransom (赎金) is paid for the person’s release (释放). Jesus paid our ransom to free us from bondage (奴役) to sins and physical death (永死) followed by eternal separation (永远离开) from God.

Why did Jesus need to pay this ransom? Because we are all infected with sin (世人都犯了罪) and are therefore worthy of punishment (应受处罚) from God.

Then how did Jesus pay our ransom? Because he dies on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

How could Jesus’ death sufficiently (足够) pay for all of our sins? Because Jesus was God in human form (神在人身), God came to earth to become one of us. He could identify (认同) with us and die for our sins (为人的罪而死). As God, Jesus was infinity in value (无限的价值), sufficient (足够) to pay for the sins of the entire world. Jesus’ resurrection after His death (耶稣从死里复活) demonstrated (证明) that His death was the sufficient sacrifice (足够的牺牲), that He had truly conquered (征服) sin and death.

How can I become a Christian? Because of His love for us, God made it

exceedingly (非常) simple to become (成为) a Christian. All you have to do is to receive (接受) Jesus as your Savior (救主), and fully trust Him alone as your Savior. Becoming a Christian is not all about rituals (礼仪), going to church, or doing certain things while refraining from (不做) other things. Rather, it is all about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through faith and trust.

2. The definition of “sin”:

Literally, sin means failure to hit a mark, as when shooting at a target, or falls short of what is good. Sin is an act that violates a law of God. If God says “do not lie”, and you lie. Then you have sinned against God. Sin separate you from God.

3. Discuss this Article:

1. Please restate the meaning of “to be born again”.
2. Based on the definition of sin given above, do you agree that every human being have sinned against God?
3. Do you want your sins to be forgiven (释免)?

4. Remember Seven Phrases a Week:

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| 155. It is growing cool. | 天气渐渐凉爽起来。 |
| 156. It seems all right. | 看来这没问题。 |
| 157. It's going too far. | 太离谱了。 |
| 158. May I use your pen? | 我可以用你的笔吗? |
| 159. She had a bad cold. | 她患了重感冒。 |
| 160. That's a good idea. | 这个主意真不错。 |
| 161. The answer is zero. | 白忙了。 |

4. Proverb (格言):

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
(Gospel of John 15:13)