

life comes to nothing.  
If you don't believe  
me, go to the  
cemetery and see  
what God is saying.

In Jesus my life  
comes to a Father  
who loves me, more  
than his own life.  
Now I have a  
relationship to live, to  
enjoy, to discover.

Give up proving  
yourself and  
imposing the same  
burden on everyone  
else. That just saps  
the joy out of living,  
and makes you a  
pain. Jesus is no pain;  
rather he has come  
that we might; 'have  
life, and have it to the  
full.' (John 10:10)  
Have it to the full as  
we live the  
relationship we now

have with our  
Heavenly Father  
through Jesus.

A relationship of love  
to be enjoyed, to be  
lived, to be  
discovered. In Jesus,  
your Dad has come to  
take you by the hand  
that together, with all  
the family, you might  
discover the wonders  
and joys of life, the  
life he gives.

What makes your life  
worthwhile?  
What makes you  
worthwhile?  
If it's not Jesus, then  
it's coming to an end,  
and then what.  
If it's Jesus, he's  
coming to celebrate  
life with us.  
And he has given us  
the Holy Spirit, God  
in person, as a

guarantee, you can  
risk your life on his  
love.

Let us pray.  
Jesus reveal to us  
those things we are  
tempted to trust  
instead of you. Grow  
us to greater maturity  
and security that we  
find our worth in you  
alone. Free us from  
the disease of having  
to prove ourselves.  
Free us to enjoy the  
worth we have in  
you, and the life you  
have come to share  
with us. Free us to  
enjoy the Father's  
love, taking his hand  
discovering life with  
him.

2 April 2010  
**WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS DIED TO  
RESCUE US FROM OUR SIN?**  
Good Friday

Today we celebrate  
the 'Good News' that  
Jesus has rescued us  
from our sin. We  
celebrate that Jesus  
has redeemed us; that  
is he has paid the  
price to set us free  
from sin. Which got  
me reflecting; what is  
sin?

When you hear the  
word sin, what comes  
to your mind? Share  
with the person next  
to you the first  
thought that comes to  
your mind when you  
hear the word sin.

My first thoughts  
revolve around bad  
acts, breaking the Ten  
Commandments,  
people who need to  
change.

I wonder if just  
looking at a person

whether you can pick  
if they are a sinner or  
not? Look at these  
pictures: a doctor, a  
uni student, a wife, a  
child, a footballer;  
can you pick the  
sinner?

Of course the Apostle  
Paul wrote: "ALL  
have sinned and fall  
short of the glory of  
God." (Romans 3:23)  
So it's easy to pick  
the sinner, they all  
are!

By this do we mean  
they are all 'Bad  
People'? No. Because  
then the opposite  
would be 'Good  
People'. And that  
muddies up what  
Jesus has come to do.  
Jesus hasn't come to  
change 'Bad' people  
into 'Good' people.  
So if that is your

understanding of sin  
and why Jesus was  
crucified, time to  
remove that thought  
and replace it with a  
different  
understanding.

Actually my greatest  
act of sin is usually  
the good things I do.  
Have you noticed that  
most people don't  
brag about what they  
perceive as a failure,  
but they will tell you  
about their perceived  
successes?

After all what do we  
trust in to prove that  
we are the right sort  
of people, our failures  
or our successes? It's  
our successes isn't it!  
If you rely on your  
perceived good deeds  
to prove that you're a  
good person, then  
you're living the

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Reaching Out with the Love of Jesus that All my Know, Worship & Grow in Christ

heart-beat of sin. Then you are a sinner.

I'm a good person because I don't kill people, I don't cheat on my wife, I feed my children, I don't steal, I even try and be happy for those who have more than me. I try not to carry a grudge. I admit when I make a mistake. I enjoy a good time. Surely I'm a good bloke?

That's the creed of a sinner. Why is this the creed of a sinner? (Discuss)

When Jesus is crucified what does he rely on? Do we hear Jesus telling Pilate about all the miracles he has done, about all the good he's done and could do if he was allowed to live. No!

When Jesus is crucified what does he rely on? The very reason he is crucified is to totally discredit Jesus, because everyone at that time knew that to be crucified was a sure sign you were cursed of God. Cursed of God surely equals

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**What makes you worthwhile?**

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failure, waste of time. Yet Jesus goes to the cross and is crucified to the ridicule, mockery, despise of the crowd. Jesus doesn't point to anything good he has done, but hangs on public display, naked, not even with the shirt off his own back. What a loser!

What do you hold up to others to prove you're not a loser but a good, worthwhile

person? Jesus held up nothing!

What were Jesus last words as we had them recorded for us today: "Father into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last." (Luke 23:46)

Jesus doesn't sin, but he places his life in his Father's hands. Jesus relies on his Father,

placing his life into the Father's hands, trusting him, come what may. Jesus didn't trust his obedience. Jesus didn't trust his good record. Jesus didn't trust his good actions. And he is the only person who could have, because he never did anything wrong, but he drops all that and is found naked, simply trusting in his Dad. Totally relying on his

Father and nothing else.

Jesus dies as he lived, placing his life in his Father's hands, trusting his love for him. After all what had the Father said at Jesus' baptism: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)

Jesus life wasn't an act of proving himself, but an act of trust.

Jesus didn't live to prove to those who mocked him that they were wrong, because he is a good bloke. Jesus doesn't exist to prove his worth. That's the legacy sinners are left with. Insecure, always having to prove themselves, having to point to this or that to make their life worthwhile.

But the simple, unpalatable truth is that our lives in and of themselves have no inherent worth.

Jesus doesn't sin, he trusts his Father. He lives this trust, not to prove the Father or himself, but because

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**What makes Jesus life worthwhile?**

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he trusts that his Father loves him, so he has nothing to add, just a Father's love to enjoy. Just a life of discovery to share.

If Jesus had died on the cross to prove he trusts his Father, then it would have been a waste of time, because all he would have done is show to the whole world his doubt. Jesus doesn't seek to prove himself or his Father, he

obeys for no other reason that he trusts his Father, he trusts him with his life.

After all the Father in his baptism declared to the world; 'You are my child, whom I love; with you I'm well pleased'. Nothing more needs or can be added.

Jesus simply lives this wonderful relationship. He walks with his Father in the good

and bad of life, but the thing that makes his life worthwhile is his Father's love. And that is never questioned. After all the Father doesn't make promises lightly, and he doesn't go back on his word, his love never quits.

In Jesus we have the same worth, the Father's love. Give up proving yourself, outside of God you're