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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

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R315r4z0r wrote on Mon, 11 May 2009 16:28 Perhaps we are using the wrong word. Instead of "believing" we should instead be using "accepting."

We don't have to 'believe' he died for our sins, because when you believe something or not, there is always an absolute truth behind the matter and it is always the same regardless of what you think.

If we replace the word 'believe' with 'accept,' then it makes more sense. Basically, you are in charge of your own sins. You can't let someone else manage them. Jesus dying for your sins supposedly gives you a way to 'renew' yourself. However, that 'renewal' won't happen without your permission. Therefore, you must 'accept' his sacrifice and allow your sins to be forgiven. If you don't accept his sacrifice as a renewal for your sins, then your sins won't be renewed.

Just because something is available, doesn't necessarily mean that you will automatically receive it. You have to allow yourself to obtain it, or else you won't ever get it.

Does that make sense?

...No. Not at all. I don't have to "accept" a loan from my parents to pay off student loans if they make the payment for me. I can throw the money away, or actively do something to disrupt the process if I really want to stop it, but I can't passively reject the favor and affect the outcome.

Assuming Jesus died for my sins, my opinion on it doesn't sway the situation one way or the other. It happened several thousand years ago. It's done. How I feel about it isn't going to change it.

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