

EASTER 2026
“WHAT’S THE BENEFIT?”
Pastor Andy Shaffer—April 5, 2026

Hebrews 12:2 (CEV)—“...He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because He knew later on He would be glad He did...”

The Benefits:

1) Total Forgiveness

Colossians 2:14 (NLT)—“He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.”

Romans 4:25 (NLT)—“He was handed over to die because of our sins, and He was raised to life to make us right with God.”

The Big Idea:

Jesus Didn’t Just Die For You—He Died Instead of You

2) Jesus’ Healing Power

1 Peter 2:24 (NCV)—“Christ carried our sins in His body on the cross so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right. And you are healed because of His wounds.”

Isaiah 53:5 (NCV)—“But He was wounded for the wrong we did; He was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to Him, and we are healed because of His wounds.”

Redemptive Suffering

3) True Freedom—The Power To Break Free

Romans 6:6-9 (NLT)—“We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with Him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and He will never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him.”

Galatians 2:20—“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

John 1:12 (NLT)—“But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.”

Acts 3:19—“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

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**How Will You Respond?
What Will You Exchange?**