

Why Did Jesus Die?

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God's power to us who are being saved.
1 Corinthians 1:18 (HCSB)

but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles. Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is God's power and God's wisdom,
1 Corinthians 1:23-24 (HCSB)

1. God hates sin because it destroys His creation.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23 (HCSB)

2. Hamartano:

- a. To fall short, miss the mark.
- b. Behaving as if God does not exist.

3. Sin hurts us in four different ways:

a. The pollution of sin.

Then He said, "What comes out of a person—that defiles him. For from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immoralities, thefts, murders, adulteries, greed, evil actions, deceit, promiscuity, stinginess, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a person."
Mark 7:20-23 (HCSB)

b. The power of sin.

For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do what is good is with me, but there is no ability to do it. For I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do.
Romans 7:18-19 (HCSB)

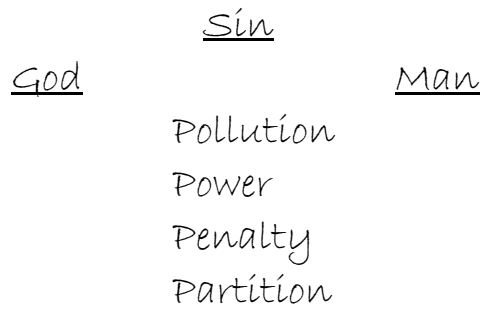
c. The penalty of sin.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our LORD.
Romans 6:23 (HCSB)

d. The partition of sin.

Indeed, the LORD's hand is not too short to save, and His ear is not too deaf to hear. But your iniquities have built barriers between you and your God, and your sins have made Him hide His face from you so that He does not listen.
Isaiah 59:1-2 (HCSB)

4. God's problem with sin:



5. God's solution to sin:

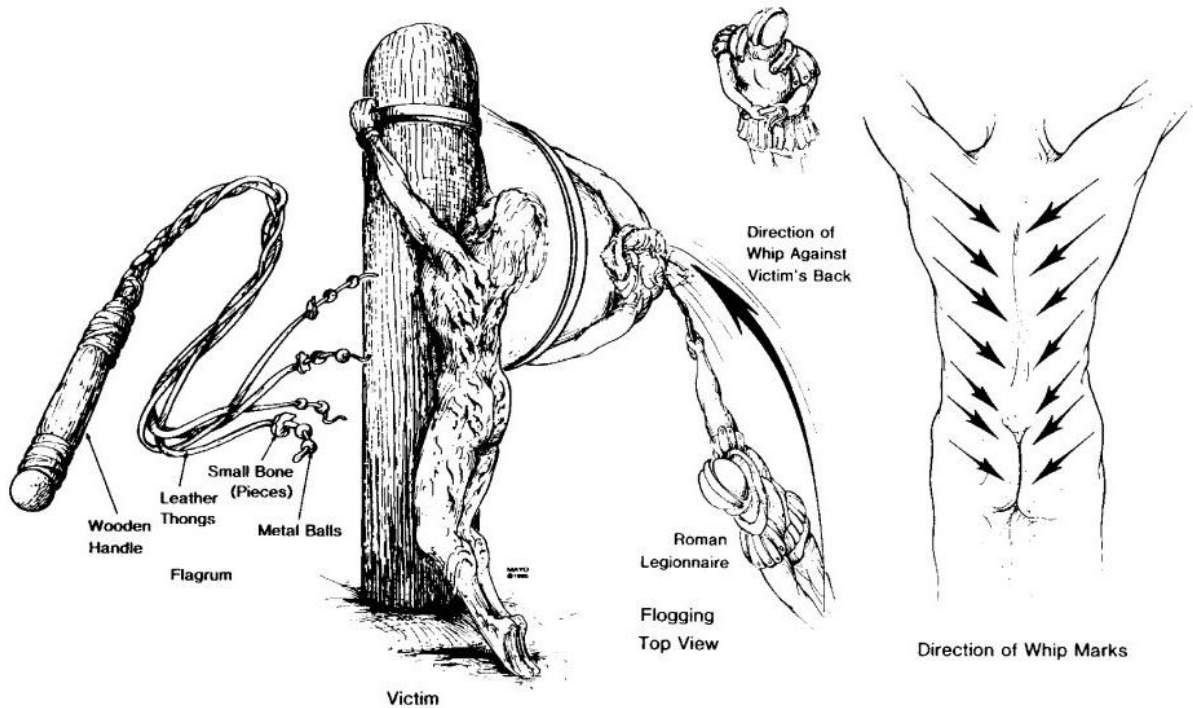
a. Jesus pays the penalty.

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; you have been healed by His wounds. 1 Peter 2:24 (HCSB)

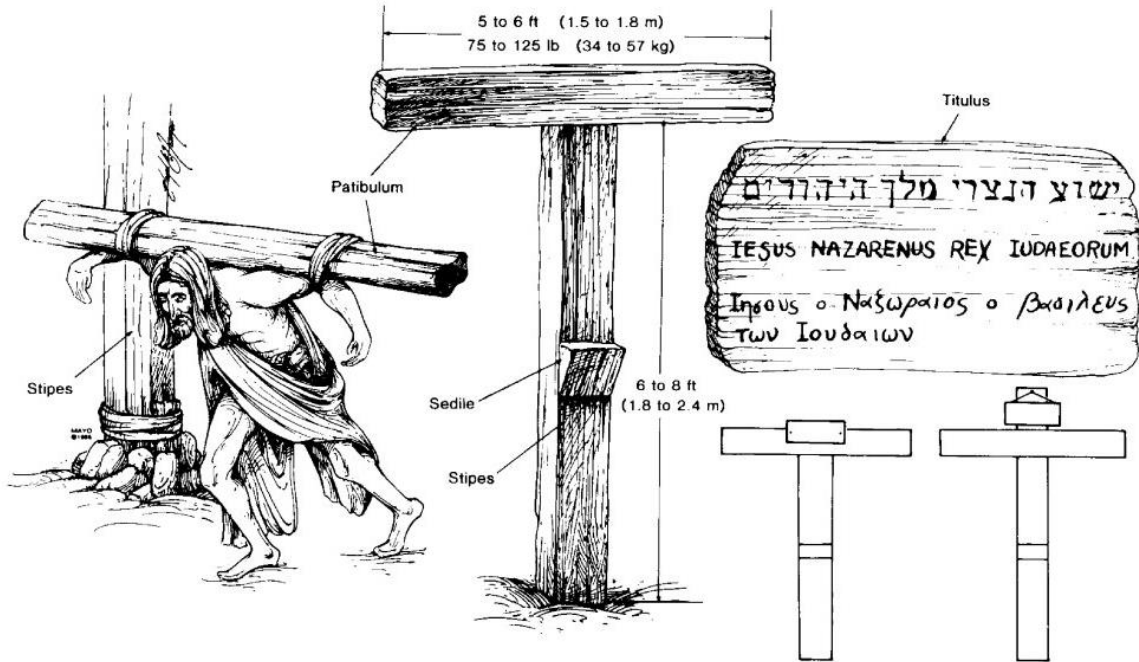
b. God created a substitution.

He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (HCSB)

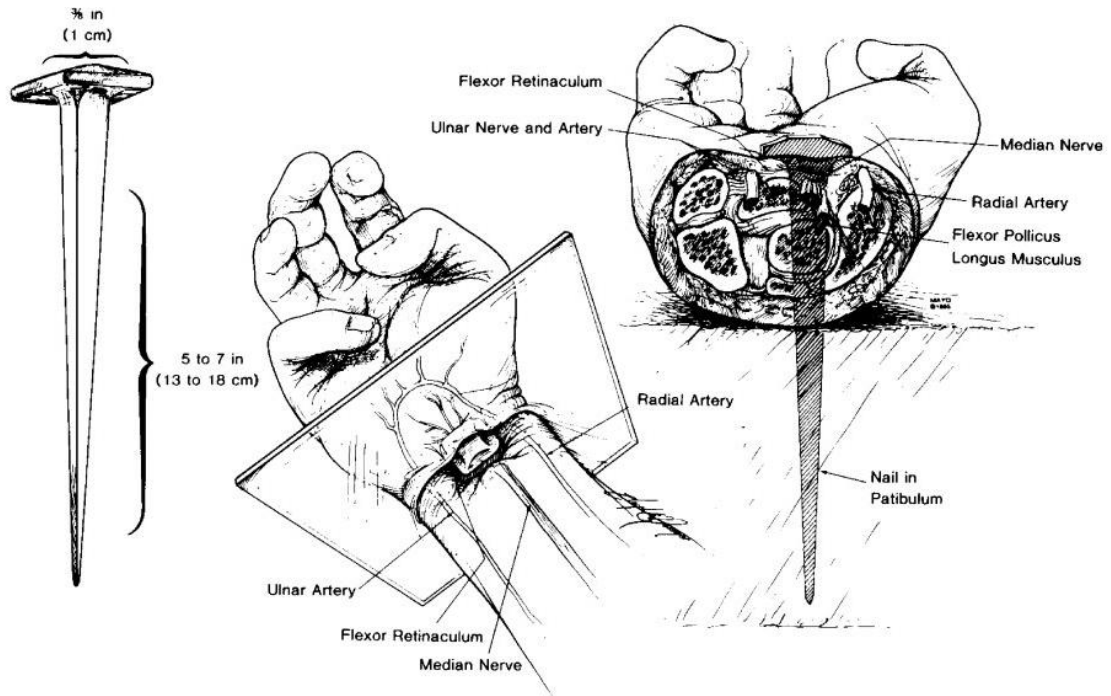
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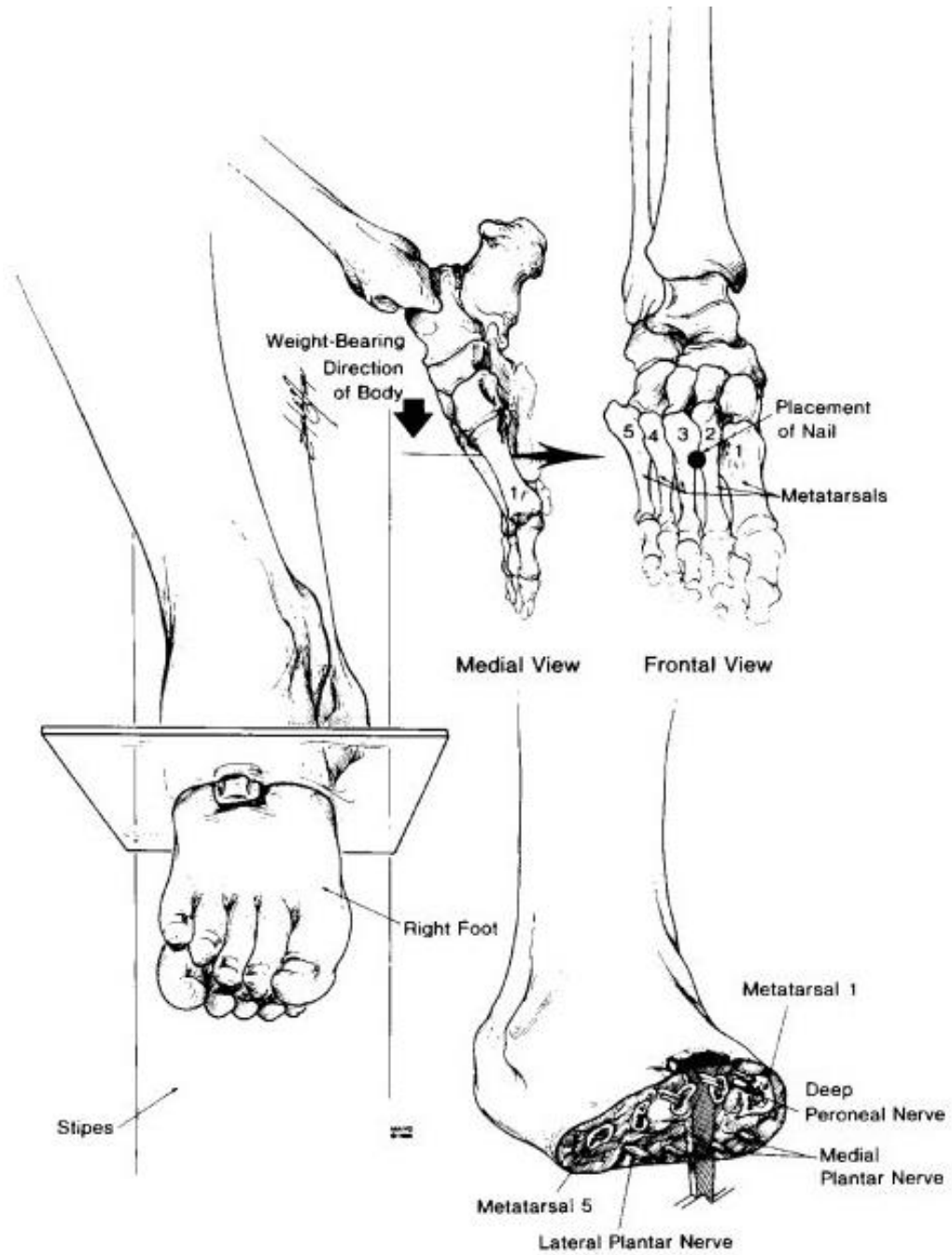
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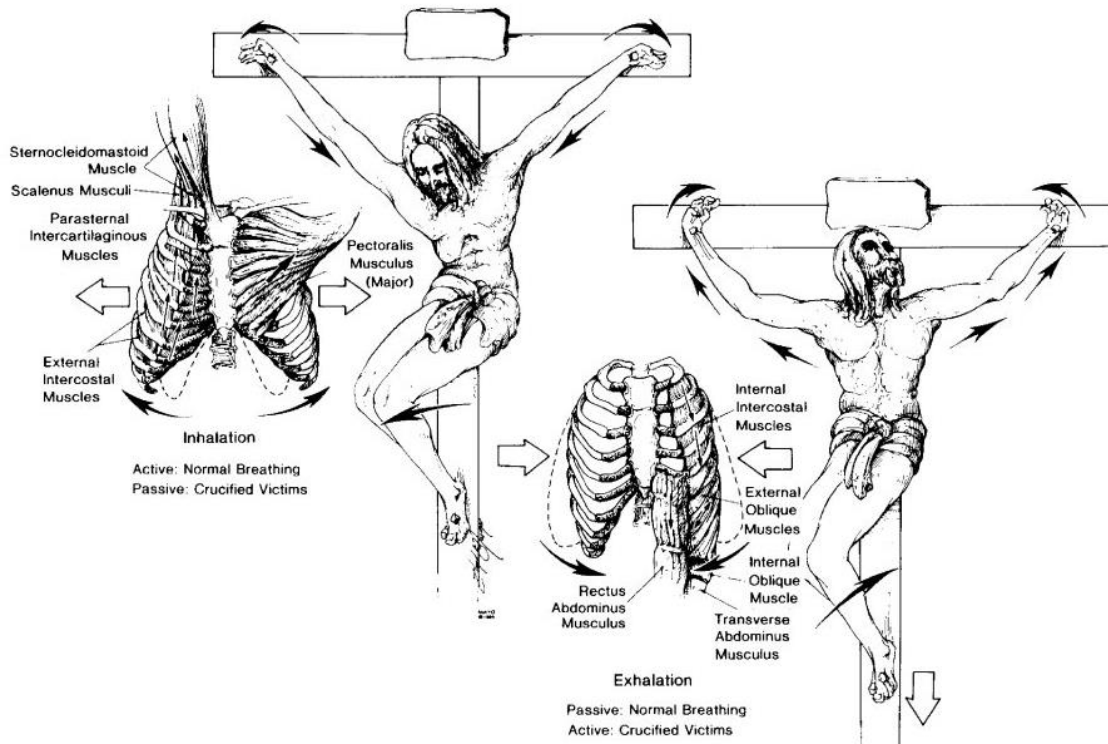
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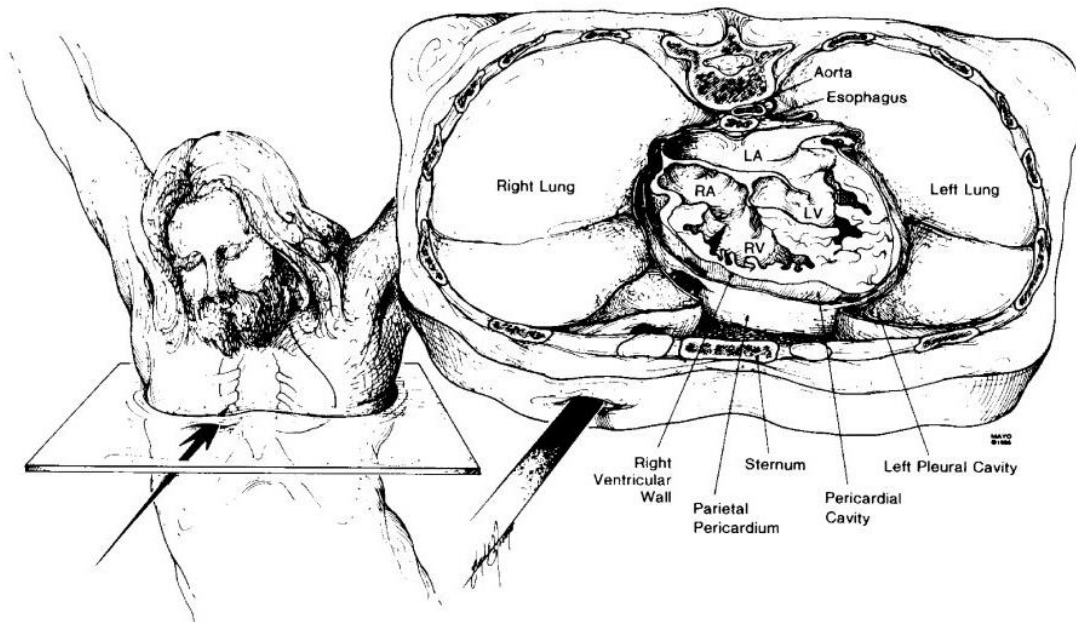
The Piercing of the Feet



The Crucifixion



The Piercing of the Roman Spear



6. The four hurts of sin:

a. Pollution = the temple.

God presented Him as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. Romans 3:25 (HCSB)



b. Power = the marketplace.

They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:24 (HCSB)



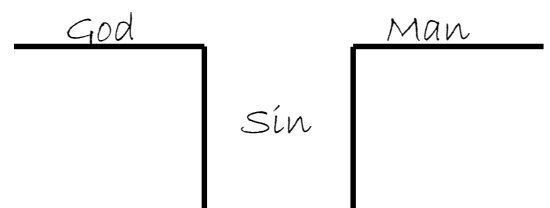
c. Penalty = the law court.

Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus, because the Spirit's law of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. Romans 8: 1-2 (HCSB)



d. Partition = the home.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. Everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (HCSB)



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