

Saying "Yes" Costs but Saying "No" Loses

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" 2 Corinthians 5:21.

This passage tells us that you and I are saved not because of anything we will ever do, but because of what Jesus did. Jesus became sin so sin could die for us. Jesus was "*made...to be sin.*" We benefit from His death. Without it we would be nothing. Without it we could do nothing. Our salvation is a result of Jesus' obedience—we can have victory because Jesus said "yes" to God.

But Jesus teaches us that saying "yes" to God costs. Yes, it does connect us to God's victory, but it costs. It cost Jesus his life. In the garden he prayed to the Father for deliverance from this death as the sin bearer. But God had to talk Jesus into going to the cross. And Jesus paid the price of saying "yes." The Hebrew writer says it this way, "*Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered*" (Hebrews 5:8).

Jesus has paved the way for us by removing sin. We can now say "yes" to God and live the victorious life. Like Jesus it may cost us, but like Jesus the result of the suffering will be eternal glory and victory.

Saying "no" is associated with rebellion, with compromise, and with failure! Christians always say "Yes" to God! Will you trust Jesus?

God bless you and give you courage to say "yes" to God in all your decisions. Thanks to Christ we can be the righteousness of God in Him today!