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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Christians really are bizarre, we celebrate the death of our founder?!

Nazi's don't celebrate the death of Hitler, nor do Communists celebrate the death of Lenin. But Christians celebrate the death of Jesus as though it was a good thing!?

Jesus death is a good thing because of its purpose. Below Jesus gives two truths about his death.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Firstly, Jesus saw the purpose of his death as being a ransom - a price paid to free a life. Jesus gave his life for ours. On that first Easter evil men set Jesus up on trumped up charges to kill him and he died the death of an innocent man. But Jesus used his innocence to our advantage - He became our substitute. On that cross, Jesus was judged by God for our sin. Jesus literally took the eternal consequences of our selfish godless actions

Secondly, Jesus saw his death as an act of service. He chose to give his life to serve us. When was the last time someone served you that way? How cool is Jesus. He knows we are not good enough for heaven and he steps in our place and exchanges the consequence of his goodness for the consequence of our godlessness.

Neither Lenin or Hitler really served their people nor did either give their life for their people - rather the other way around.

The Lord Jesus loved me and gave his life for me - what's not to celebrate? The best way to celebrate is to serve others in his name. Amen!

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