

SEEING
THE BIG
PICTURE

Looking at the Bible Message from Beginning to End



The Incredible Book

66 Books: 39 OT + 27 NT

Written over **1500** years
(1450 BC – AD 100)

40 different authors

From **3** different continents, different nations, and varying cultures

Contains **3** different languages
(Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek)

HEBREW

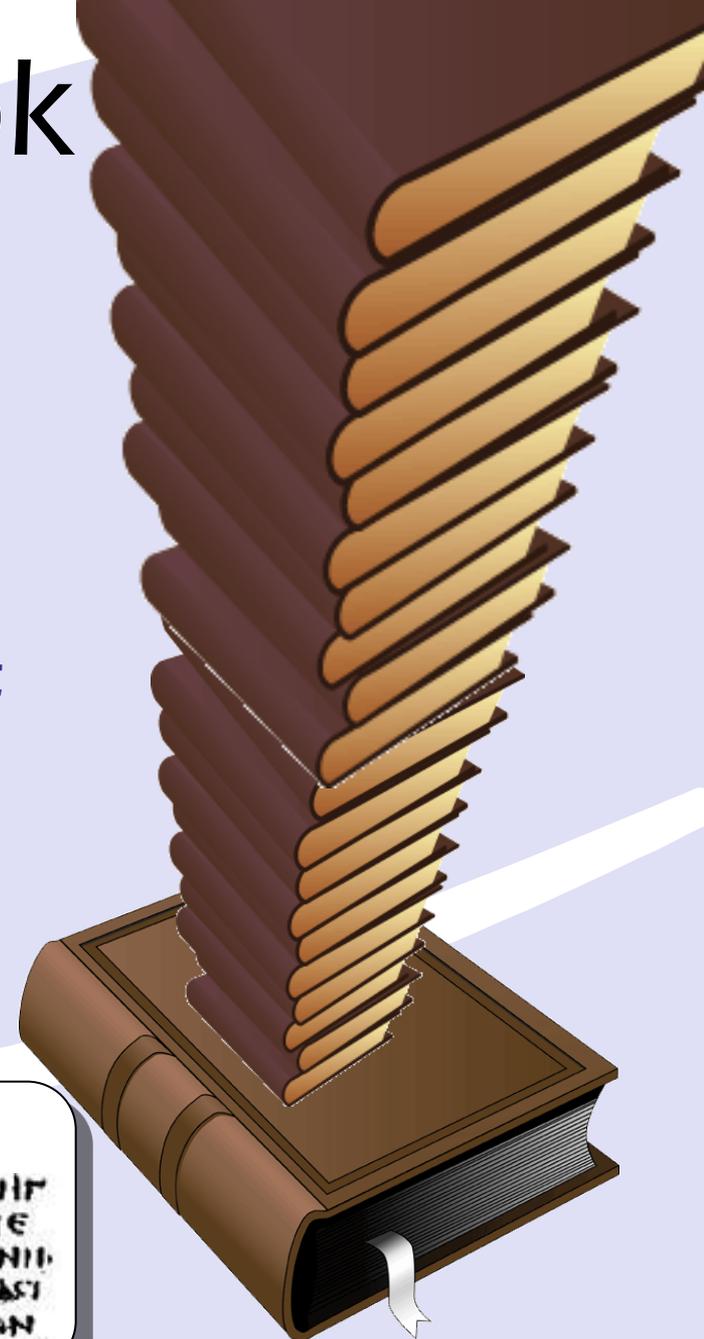
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אֲנִי: "חַיִּים וְעוֹרֵם"

ARAMAIC

ܩܘܡ ܕܡܪܝܩܐ
ܕܡܪܝܩܐ ܕܡܪܝܩܐ

GREEK

ΚΑΙ ΔΟΘΗΤΩΣ ΜΗΓ
ΜΑΚΑΙ ΗΛΟΙ ΠΗ
Η ΗΜΕΛΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΓΥΝΗ
Η ΑΝΑΡΕΣΗ ΤΩ ΒΑΣΙ
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One Theme!

amazing

God's Plan of Redemption

An Urgent and Important Command

THE GREAT COMMISSION

“Go into all the world and
preach *the gospel*
to all creation.”

Mark 16:15



The Gospel – The Power of God



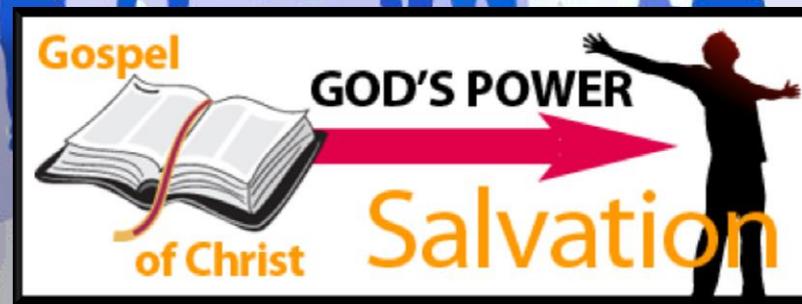
“I am not ashamed
of **the gospel**
for it is the
power of God
for salvation...”

Romans 1:16

THE GOSPEL – A Message of Salvation

The gospel is a **MESSAGE** that is to be **COMMUNICATED** to every person - a message of **SALVATION.**

The Gospel is
Objective Truth!



The Gospel...Must be Obeyed

“...when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who

do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power...”

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

A Serious Warning...**To Christians**

*"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a **different gospel**; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort **the gospel** of Christ.*

*But even if **we or an angel** from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally **condemned!**"*

Galatians 1:6-12 (see also Acts 20:28)



The ONE Gospel

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Galatians 1:6-12

The **ONE** Gospel

How can I be certain?
Where would we start?



GOSPEL

Galatians 3:24



Also: Rom. 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

1 Cor. 10:11

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction

(see also 2 Tim 3:14-15)

OLD LAW



TEACHER



TO BRING US TO CHRIST



JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

The Eternal Plan

Ephesians 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him

before the foundation of the world,

that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.



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FREE WILL





GOD IS HOLY

Ps 33:4-5

*“For the word of the LORD is upright,
And all His work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice; The
earth is full of the lovingkindness of the
LORD.”*

JUSTICE

LOVE

**God's holiness is demonstrated in His
justice and love toward His creation.**

GOD

**A DESIRED RELATIONSHIP:
SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP
WITH A HOLY GOD**





"Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine." Lev. 20:26

God demands moral uprightness in His creatures because He is Holy!



GOD

Sin Separates us from God

“Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden his face from you.”

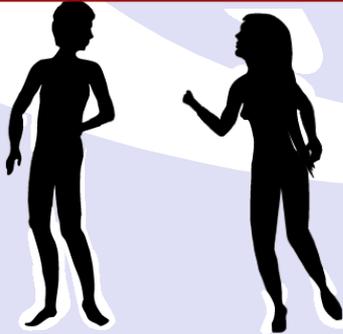
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GOD

SIN

**SPIRITUAL
DEATH**



“you were dead in your trespasses and sins” Eph 2:1

Romans 6:23

...for the wages of sin is death

SIN ↔ DEATH

Romans 3:23

***...for all have sinned
and fall short of the
glory of God***



The Concept of **DEATH**



“For out of the dust you were taken; for dust you are, and to the dust you shall return.”

Genesis 3:19

The **PRICE** for SIN



*"without the **shedding of blood** there can be no remission of sins"*

Heb. 9:22

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Three Deaths



SPIRITUAL



**Separation
From God**

**Result of
individual sin**

**“The wages of sin
is death”
Romans 3:23**

MORTAL



**Death of our
bodies**

**Result of Adam
and Eve’s first sin**

**“for dust you are, and
to the dust you shall
return.”
Genesis 3:19**

JUDICIAL

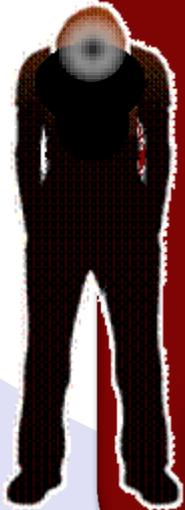


**Life payment
for sin**

**Required of
every sinner**

**“without the shedding
of blood there can be
no forgiveness of sin”
Hebrews 9:22**

God's **Justice** Demands Death as Payment for Sin



We find ourselves in a very desperate situation:

We have broken the laws of the God of the universe, this has separated us from a Holy and just God, and the price of death hangs over our head ! We cannot pay the price ourselves and still live!

God's **Love** Provides a Way to Pay the Price

GRACE

God *gives*
what is *not* deserved
(Romans 3:23-26; 5:6-11)

LIFE!

MERCY

God *does not give*
what *is* deserved
(Romans 1:18)

DEATH!



MERCY

BLOOD

Atonement

Kaphar: to cover, purge, make an atonement, make reconciliation, cover over with pitch





GOD

Atonement

“...for it is on this day that atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you will be clean from all your sins before the LORD” Lev 16:30

GOD



SANCTIFICATION

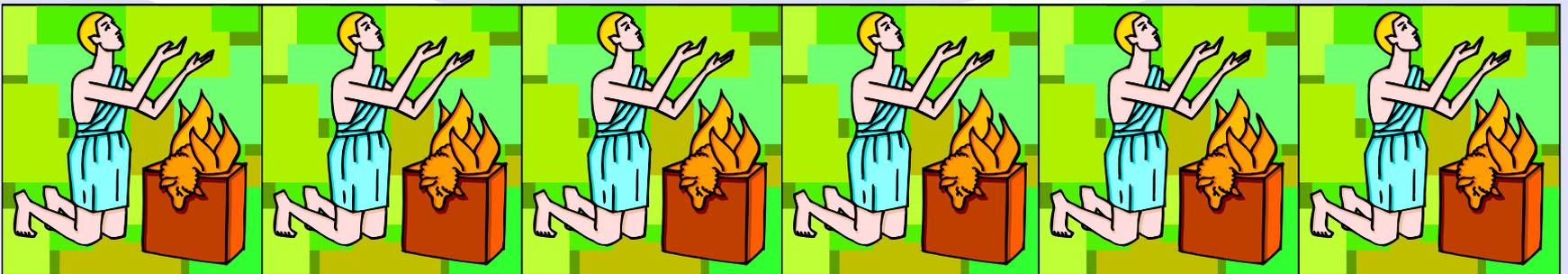


Reconciliation

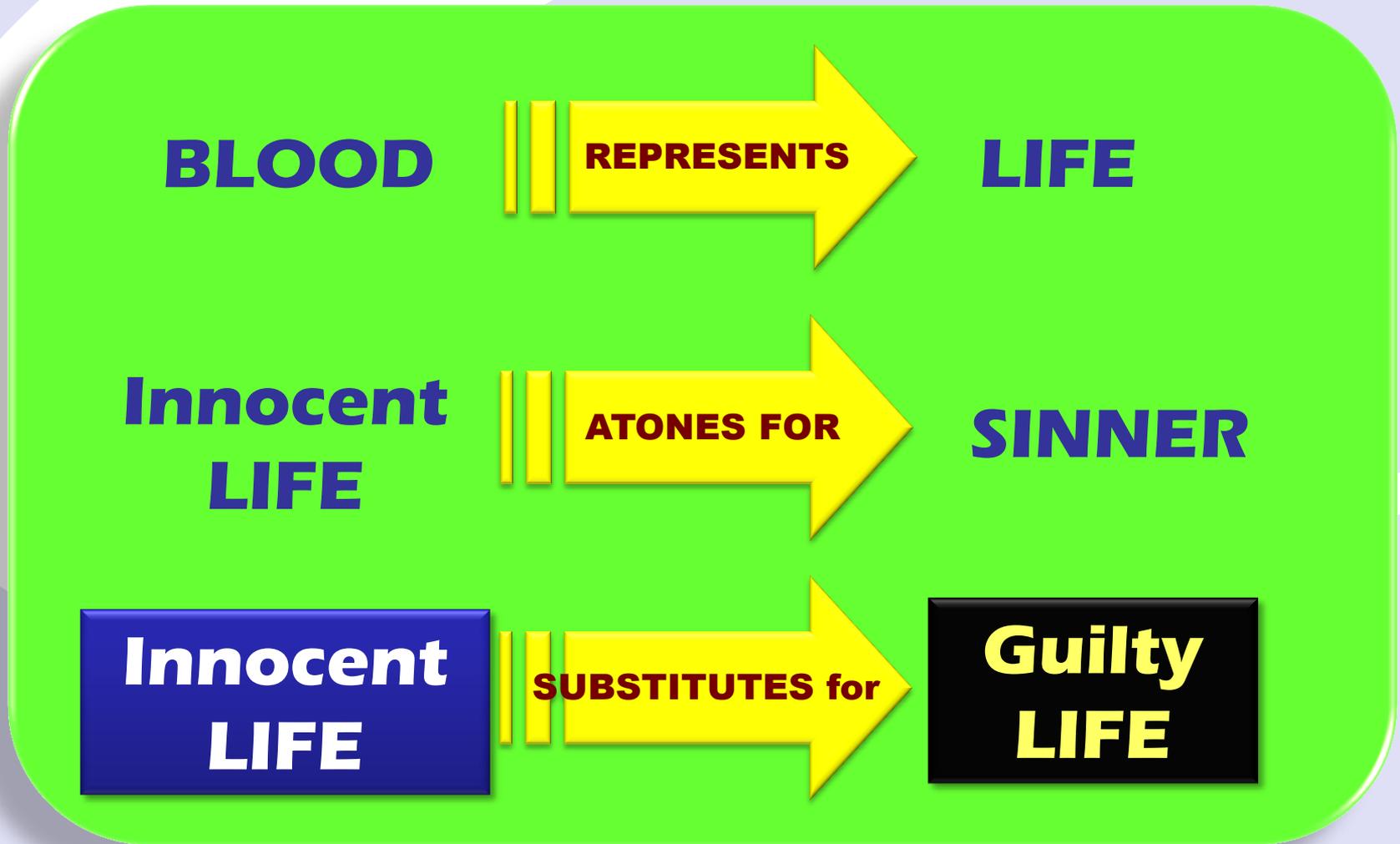
Atonement

Leviticus 17:11

*'For the **life** of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given **it** to you on the altar to make atonement for **your** souls; for it is the **blood** by reason of the **life** that makes **atonement.**'*



Payment



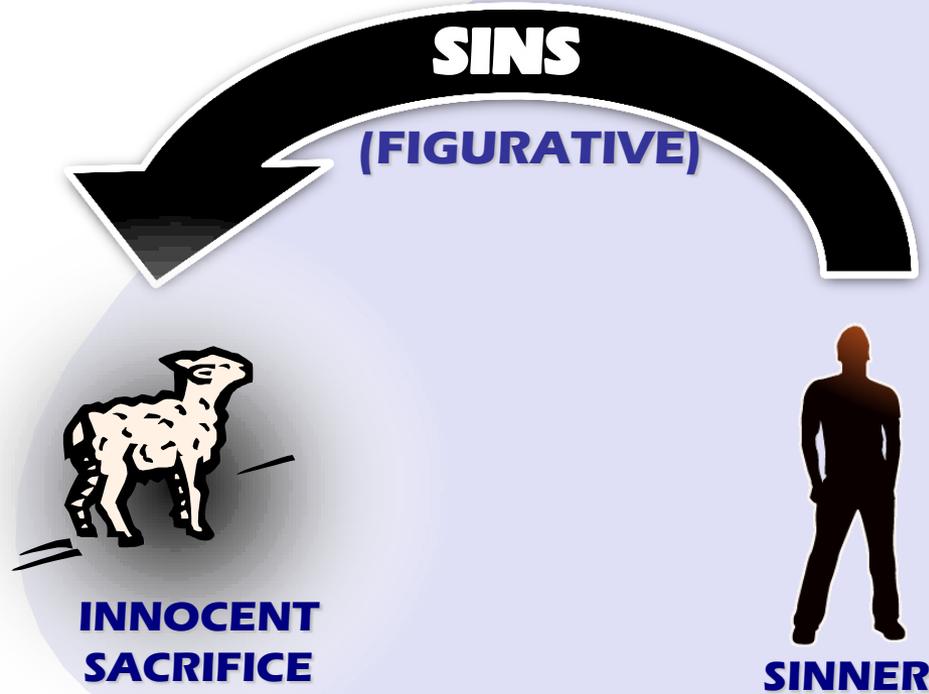
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Animal Sacrifice



SINNER

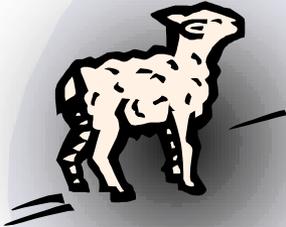
Animal Sacrifice



Animal Sacrifice

SINS
(FIGURATIVE)

JUSTICE



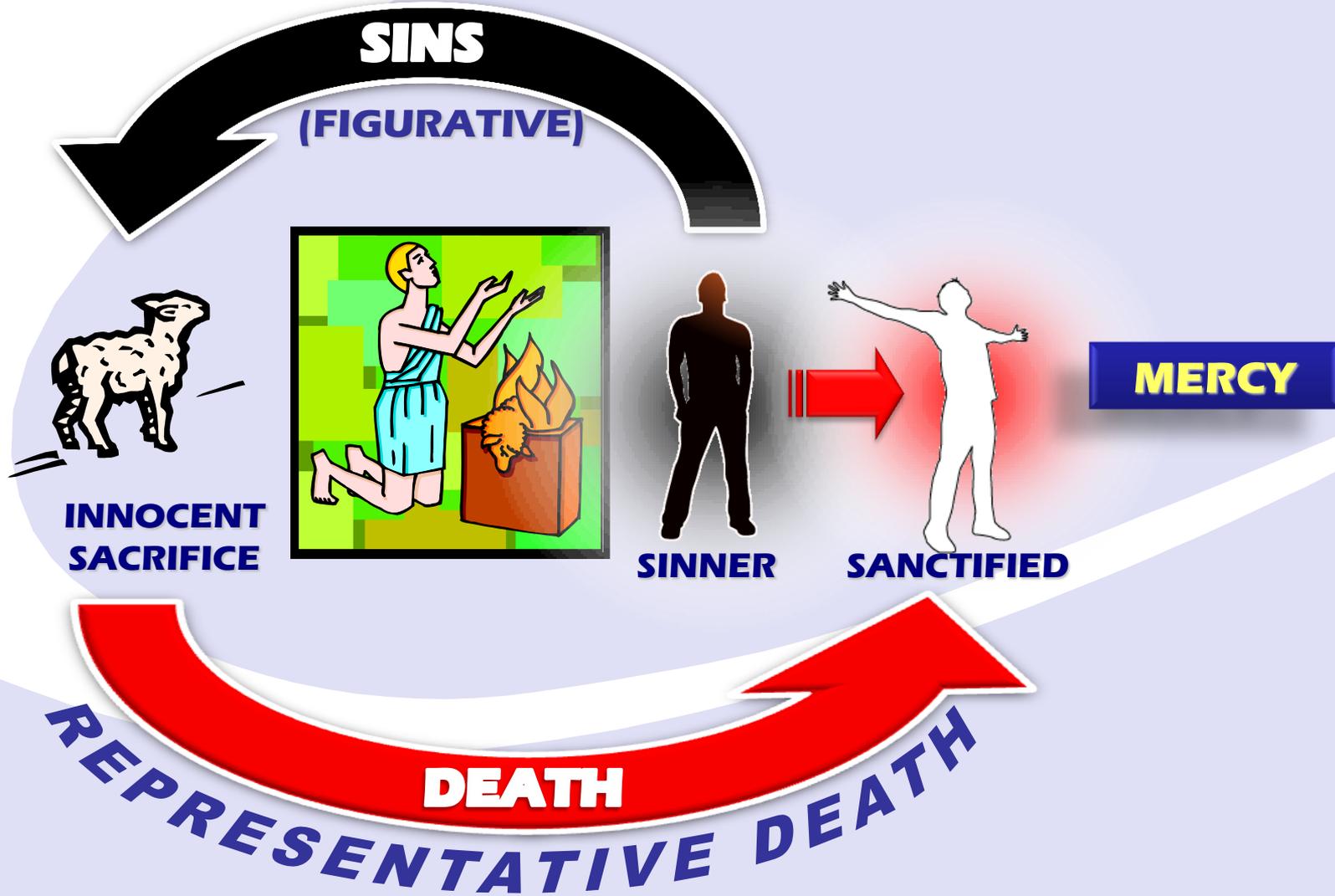
**INNOCENT
SACRIFICE**



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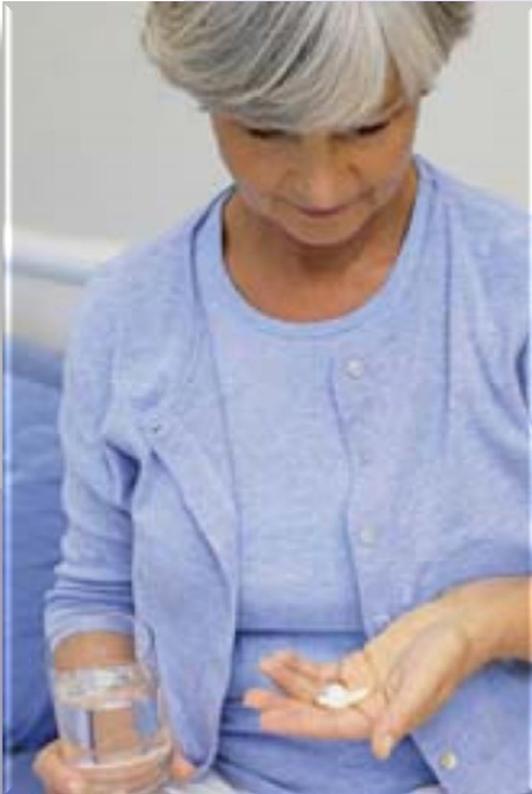
DEATH
REPRESENTATIVE DEATH

Animal Sacrifice



What Made it Work?

FAITH



By Faith...

Hebrews 11

Abel	OFFERED
Noah	PREPARED
Abraham	OBEYED
Sarah	CONCEIVED
Abraham	OFFERED
Isaac	BLESSED
Israelites	PASSED THROUGH

Genuine FAITH requires

Belief-based ACTION

Genuine Faith – Hebrews 11:6

*But **without faith it is impossible** to please Him,
for he who comes to God*

must believe *that He is, and that He is a
rewarder of those who **diligently seek Him.***

Genuine FAITH requires

Belief-based ACTION

BELIEF ALONE? (James 2:14-26)

(v14) *Can that type of faith save a man?*

(v17) Faith without action is dead

(v18) Faith is shown by action

(v20) Faith without action is "useless"

(v21-23) Abraham's faith was perfected by belief working *with* his actions

(v24) Justified by action, not "faith alone"

(v26) Faith without action is dead

(v19) *Devils are believers!*

THERE ARE BELIEVERS IN HELL!

What we have learned so far:

TEACHER

Gal 3:24

HOLINESS

RECONCILIATION

SANCTIFICATION

SIN

JUSTICE

ATONEMENT

GRACE

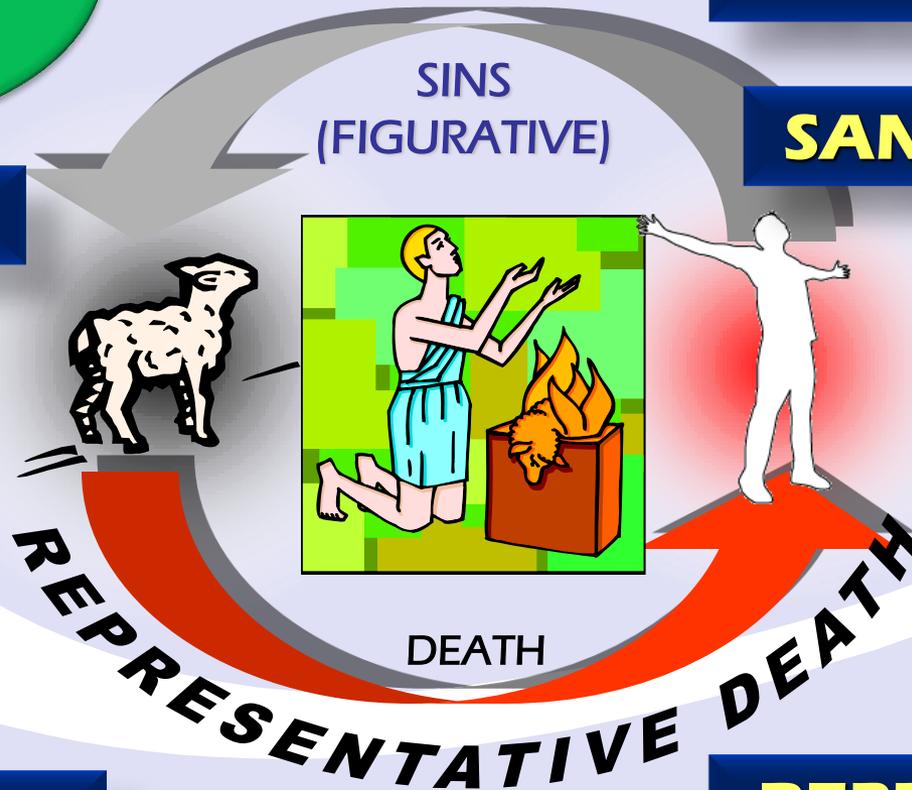
BLOOD

MERCY

FAITH

**REPRESENTATIVE
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SACRIFICE



“Behold the

LAMB OF GOD

**that
takes away
the sin of the
world”**



Christ's Blood in Prophecy

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried...

5 He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;

The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way;

But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.



Christ's Blood in Prophecy

8 *He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to **whom the stroke was due***

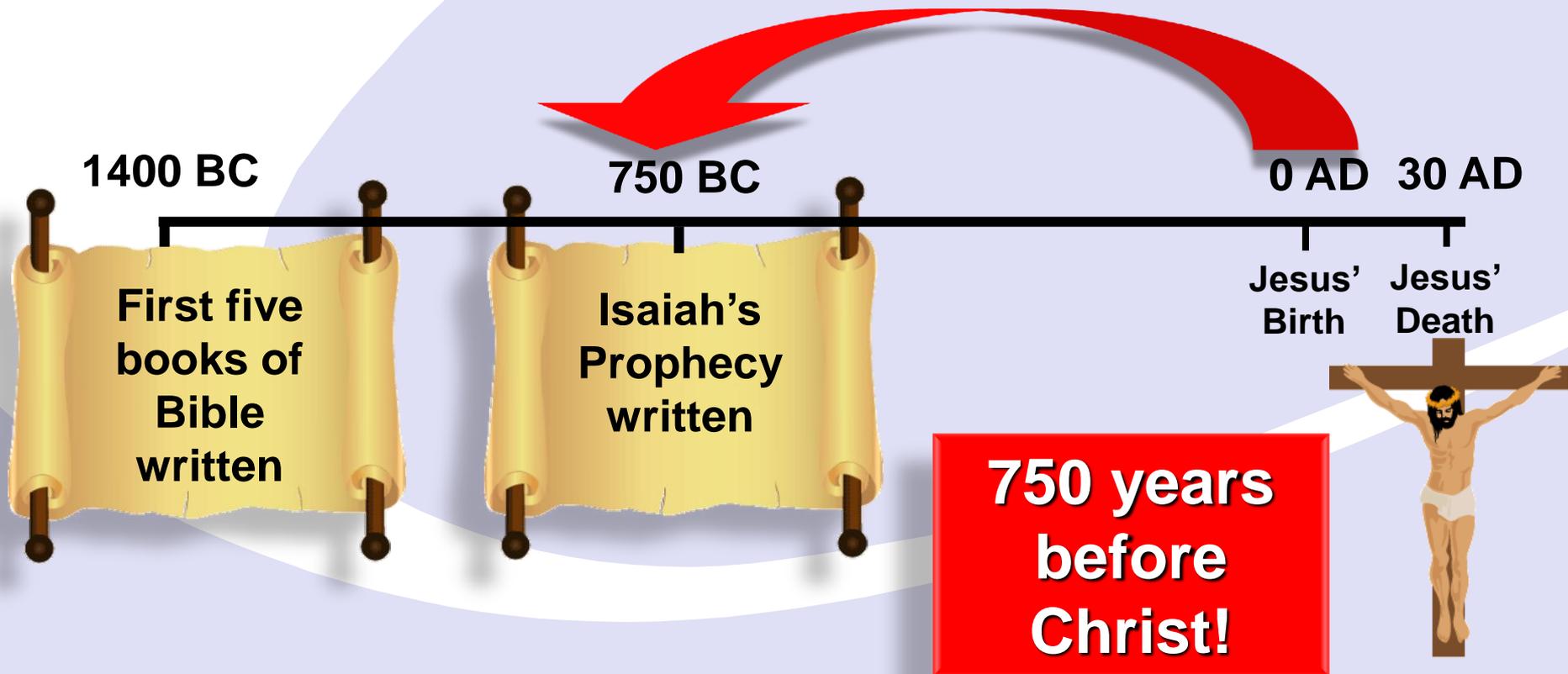
10 *But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As **He will bear their iniquities.***

12 *He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; **Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,** And interceded for the transgressors.*



Christ's Blood in Prophecy

Isaiah 53



The Lamb of God - Ransomed

Mt. 20:28

*the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a **ransom** for many*



Mt. 26:28

*for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many **for forgiveness of sins.***



1 John 3:5

*But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is **no sin.***

Christ's Sacrifice – OT Fulfillment



Matthew 5:17

*"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to **fulfill**."*

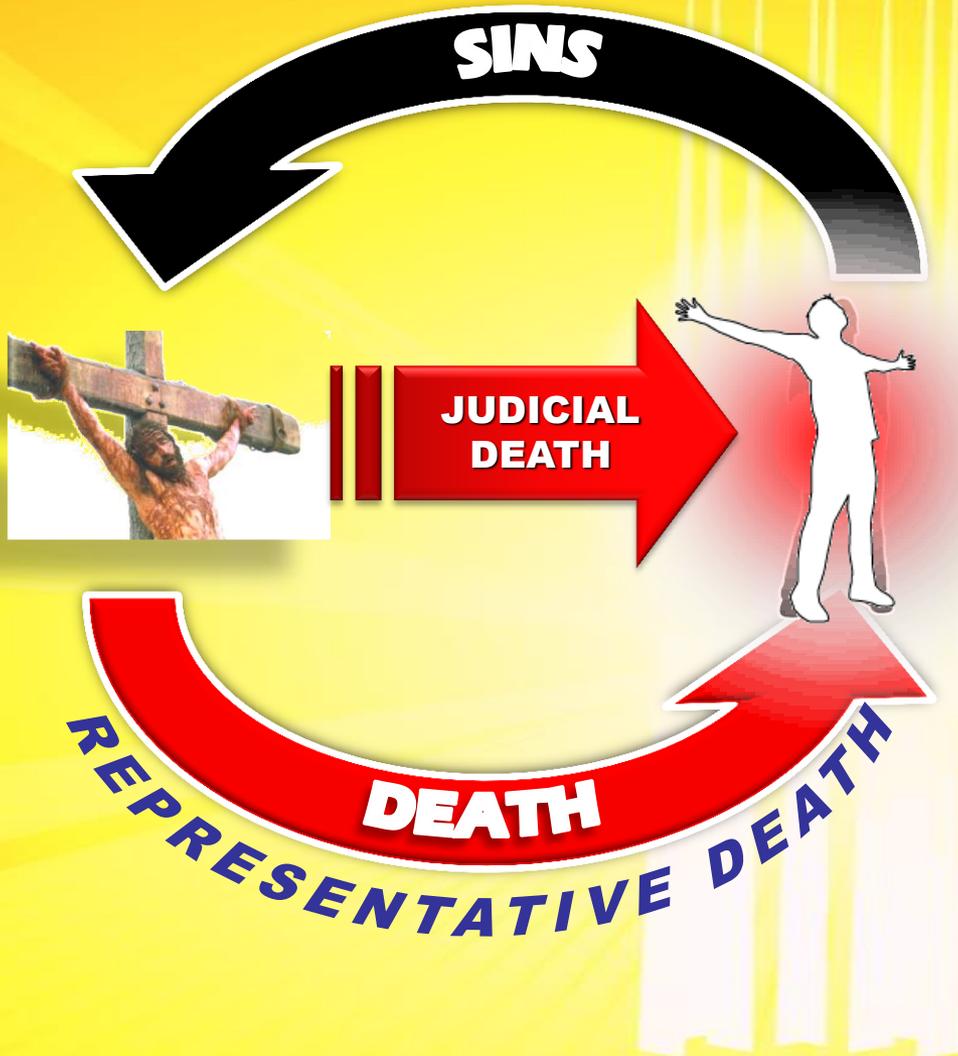
Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there is no remission.

Christ's Sacrifice – A Judicial Death

1 Peter 2:24

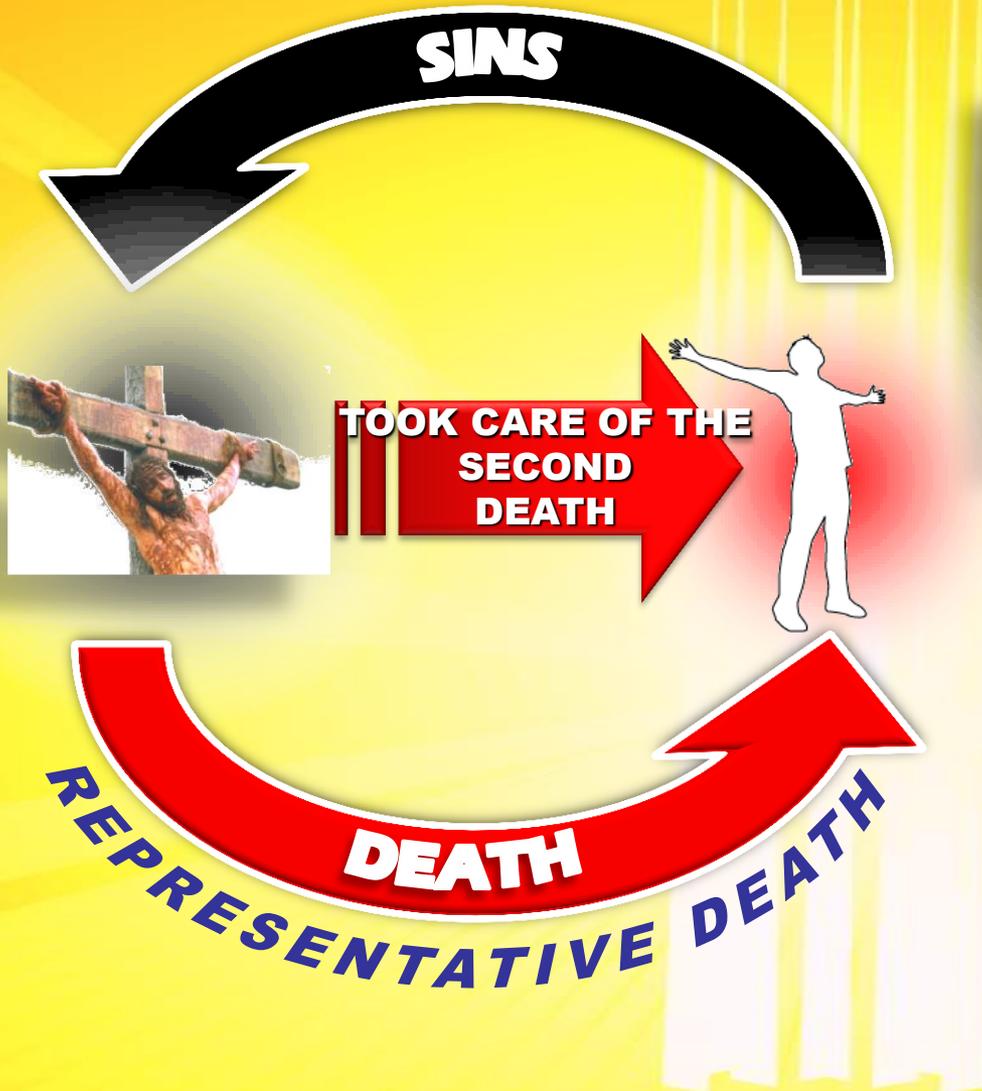
*He Himself
bore our sins
in His body
on the cross,*

*that we might
die to sin.*



Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness

Christ's Sacrifice – A Spiritual Death



2 Cor 5:21 –Sin bearer
“Him who knew no sin, He was made to be sin on our behalf.”

Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness

Christ's Sacrifice - Reconciliation



Colossians 1:22

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

Also

Hebrews 13:12

Hebrews 10:10

Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness

Propitiation – **By Faith**

Romans 3:23-25

for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood...



Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness

RESURRECTION!



“...who [Christ],
was declared *the Son of God*
with power by the resurrection
from the dead...” Romans 1:4



DEATH & BURIAL

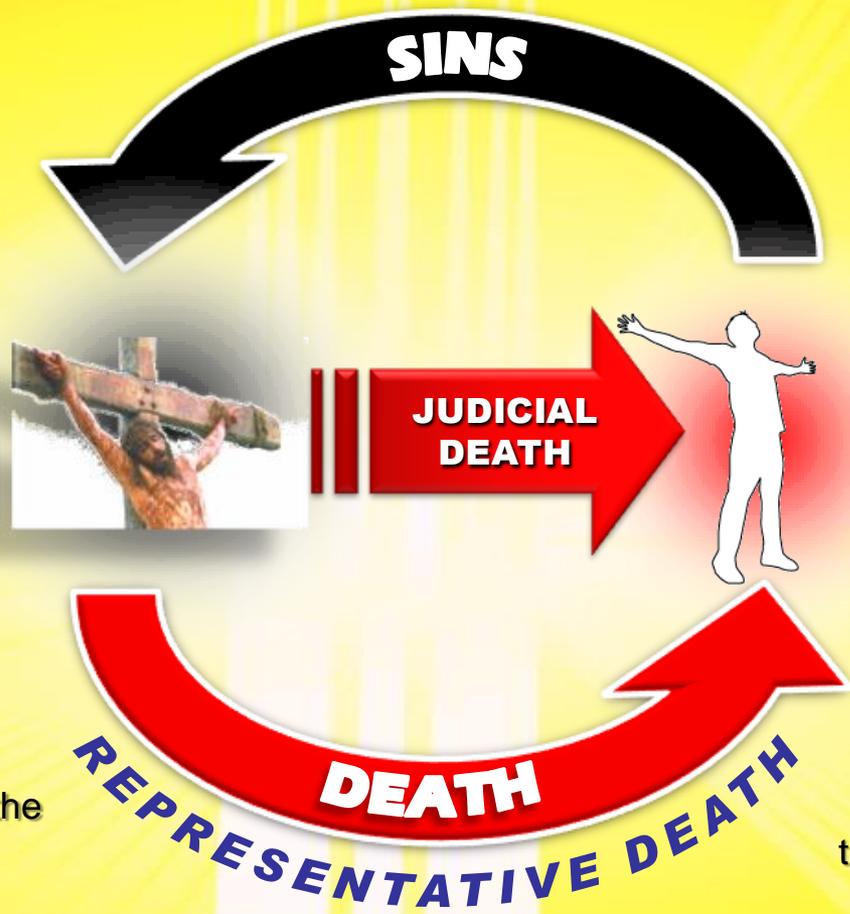


RESURRECTION
& APPEARANCES!

Christ's Sacrifice – Who Died?

1 Peter 2:24
He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that **we** might die to sin.

1 Peter 1:18-19
you were redeemed with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.



Romans 6:6
Our old self was crucified **with** Him, That our body of sin might be done away with.

Jesus Died
Literally on the cross to pay the judicial price for our sin

The Sinner Died
representatively with Jesus, that our sins might be forgiven

Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness

The Death of the Believer

*"I have been **crucified with Christ** and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me"*

Galatians 2:20



**"crucified
with Christ"**



Christ's death represents the death of the believer!

Our sins **can not** and **will not** be forgiven

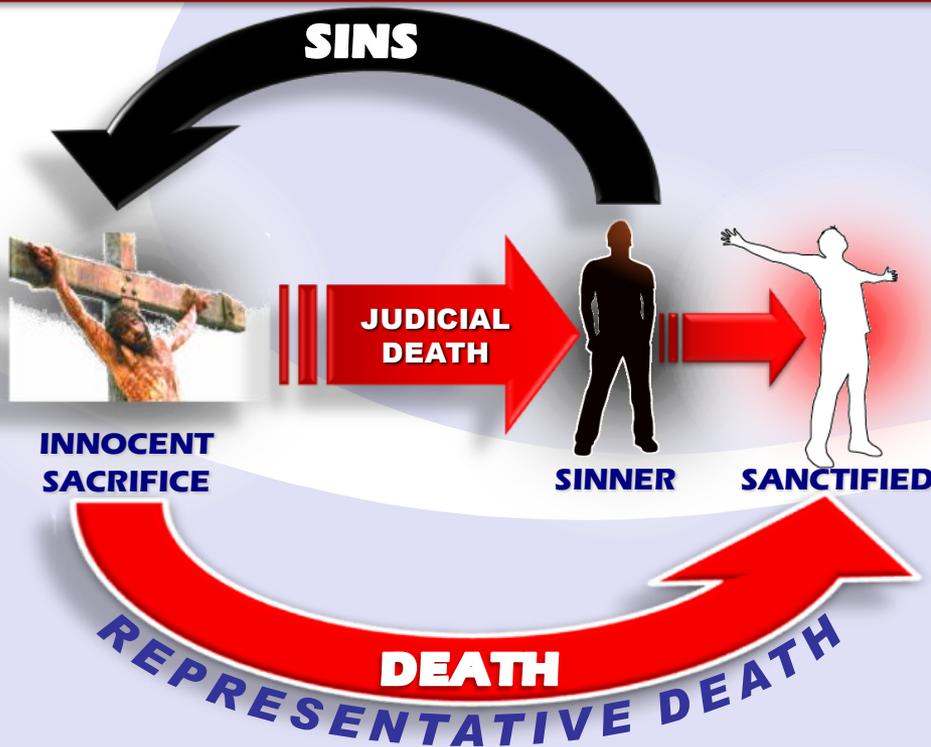
UNLESS

We have died *with* Christ

We have been united *with* Christ in His death

We have been crucified *with* Christ

We have died *to* sin



This is according to the plan of redemption for

“without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

The fundamental question of the gospel is:

When?

Or
How?

At what point in my faith . . .

do I ***die to sin?***

do I ***die with Christ?***

When does God view me as . . .

uniting with Christ in ***his*** death?

crucified with Christ?

We must have a Bible answer to our four questions!

When?

***Or
How?***

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ROMANS 6



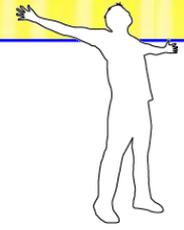
"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means!

We died to sin.

How can we live in it any longer? V 1-2



"We died to sin." How?/When?



v3 Or don't you know
that all of us who have been

baptized into
Christ Jesus

have been

baptized into
His death?

INTO CHRIST

INTO HIS DEATH



v4 Therefore we have been **buried with Him through baptism into death**, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in **newness of life**.



INTO DEATH



NEW LIFE
NEW BIRTH
NEW CREATION



Except one be born again of the water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (Jn 3:5)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away... (2 Cor 5:17)

5 For if we have become

united with Him

in the likeness of His death,

certainly we shall be also in the
likeness of His resurrection,

INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE



**United with
Christ's Death**



6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;



INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE



**United with
Christ's Death**



7 for he who has *died* is
freed from sin

INTO DEATH

JUDICIAL
DEATH

NEW LIFE



United with
Christ's Death



8 Now *if* we have

died with Christ,

we believe that we shall also
live with Him...

INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE



**United with
Christ's Death**



12 *Therefore* do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts,....

INTO DEATH

REPENTANCE

NEW LIFE



**United with
Christ's Death**



17 But thanks be to God that though you were *slaves of sin*, you became **obedient from the heart** to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE

FAITH



**United with
Christ's Death**



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INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE

OBEY THE GOSPEL



United with Christ's Death



23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the **free gift** of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord..

INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE

GIFT



**United with
Christ's Death**



but you were washed,
you were sanctified,
you were justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
and in the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor. 6:11

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST
BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH

DEAD
MAN

CRUCIFIED
WITH CHRIST
(Buried with
Christ INTO
His death)

United with
Christ's Death –
Died with Christ



RECONCILIATION
(Relationship with a
Holy God restored)

JUSTIFICATION
(Penalty removed)

SANCTIFICATION (Sins removed –
made Holy and righteous)

NEW LIFE



INTO DEATH

INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE

NEW LIFE

Eph 4:3-6

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is **one body** and
one Spirit -just as you were called to
one hope when you were called
one Lord,
one faith,
one baptism,
one God and Father of all
who is over all and through all and in all.

What Shall We Do?

*Now when they heard this,
they were pierced to the
heart,*

*and said to Peter and the rest
of the apostles,*

***"Brethren, what shall
we do?"***

**First gospel
sermon
Pentecost**

**They
believed
the gospel**

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**Do? There is
nothing you can
do! Christ did it
all!**

Just believe.

**Call out Jesus'
name.**

**Pray the
sinners prayer.**

Pray through.

**Accept Jesus
into your
heart.**

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DIFFERENT GOSPELS

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**Accept Jesus
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and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,
"Brethren, what shall we do?"*

***Peter said to them,
"Repent, and each of you
be baptized in the name
of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your sins;
and you will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit. ...***



**The
GOSPEL
RESPONSE**

Jesus' Final Command

The great commission –

*“Go into all the world and
preach the gospel to all creation.
He who **believes and is baptized**
shall be saved;
but he who has not believed
shall be condemned.*

Mark 16:15-16



Do you want to die with Christ?



