



SIMPLE LESSON/ that serves as sort of a “Reader’s Digest” Version of the Bible story!

The Bible is one of the most popular and yet misunderstood books in the world. It is possible to know a lot about the Bible without really understanding the Bible.

God could have written the Bible so that only Greek scholars or PhD theologians could have understood it. He could have written so that only rocket scientists could understand it.

Instead it was written so that it could only be understood by someone with the heart of a little child.

We are going to get in a helicopter and take a 20,000 foot view of the Bible. It is so easy in Bible study to see the “Trees” and miss the “forest.” This lesson is taking an ariel view and checking out the forest! Many folks have a hard time understanding because they don’t look at things in context and see who it all fits together. This “Big Picture Presentation” gives you frame work to understand all the Bible!

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

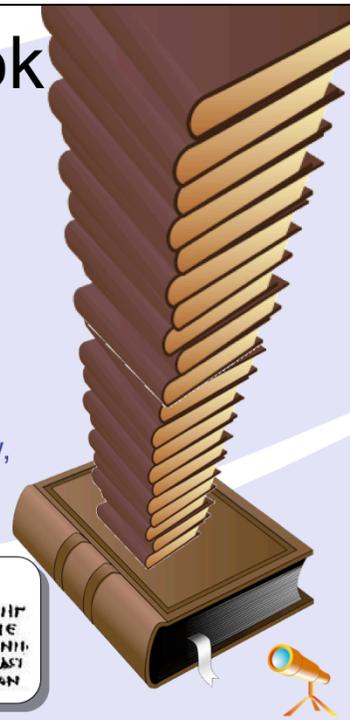
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GREEK

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40 Authors...6 Major Empires...
1500 Years...1 Book...
3 Continents...3 Languages

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One Theme!

amazing

God's Plan of Redemption

How could men have written this book? It would be impossible. There are many evidences we could look at in considering the case for a Creator: scientific, archiological, historical, etc. The internal evidence of this book is one of the most powerful evidences that this book was written by God.

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 stands between man and salvation

The gospel is the power of God – not a fuzzy feeling, not money, or
wealth or fame – but the gospel

<Here we learn additional information about the gospel>



It is **objective truth** . It is the truth that sets us free! (Jn 8:32).

We don't go out and convert folks like Islam at the point of a sword, we simply share this powerful message that folks can either receive or reject. How one responds to the gospel is a critical turning point in each person's life.

And interestingly, it must not just be believed, but obeyed!

<That is what **2 Thess 1:7-9** makes clear...>

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 do not obey the gospel** for 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



God will absolutely condemn anyone who rejects the gospel

The gospel is critically important

<TR> It gets even scarier

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)



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RELIGIOUSLY INCORRECT

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The ONE Gospel

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How can I be certain?

Where would we start?



GOSPEL

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So, There is only one gospel and we have to get it right.

How can we be sure that we get this right, for we must get this right!

<The NT gives us a pointer or direction of where to begin to understand the theme of the Bible



There's gold in them thar hills.

The OT is supposed to teach us something. Something very important.

What we learn from the OT is to “bring us to Christ” so that “we may be justified by faith”

<TR> There are some fundamental things we need to look at and learn from the history of the OT



God purposed that He would have spirit beings that worshipped Him in heaven for eternity before He created man. He put us as spirits Inside these physical containers. Spirit Inside. We are here for this short life to show God that we choose to serve and love Him. That is our purpose and that is God's purpose in creating us. Heaven is not prepared for just nice people, but people that have proven themselves to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind. Before God created man he had a plan for man's redemption.

Why?

If God created man with a free will (the ability to choose to either sin or not sin) doesn't it make sense that he would make provision in case man sinned? Free will demands it.

That is why He had a plan of redemption planned before He ever created man.

<TR> Another thing we need to look at is our concept of God.

GOD IS HOLY

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES...

OMNISCIENT
(ALL KNOWING)

OMNIPOTENT
(ALL POWERFUL)

OMNIPRESENT
(EVERYWHERE
PRESENT)

ARE GOVERNED BY HIS CHARACTER...

God's holiness governs His attributes.

<Job 34 tells us more about His holiness>

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.

1 So we do see a God of Justice – He will always be faithful and do what He says He will do.

2 But we also see a God that dearly loves His creation even to the point that – as we will see – He even wants to make provision to help man out of predicaments caused by His justice

<TR> The holiness of God not only sets Him apart but creates a demand and expectation on His relationship with man....

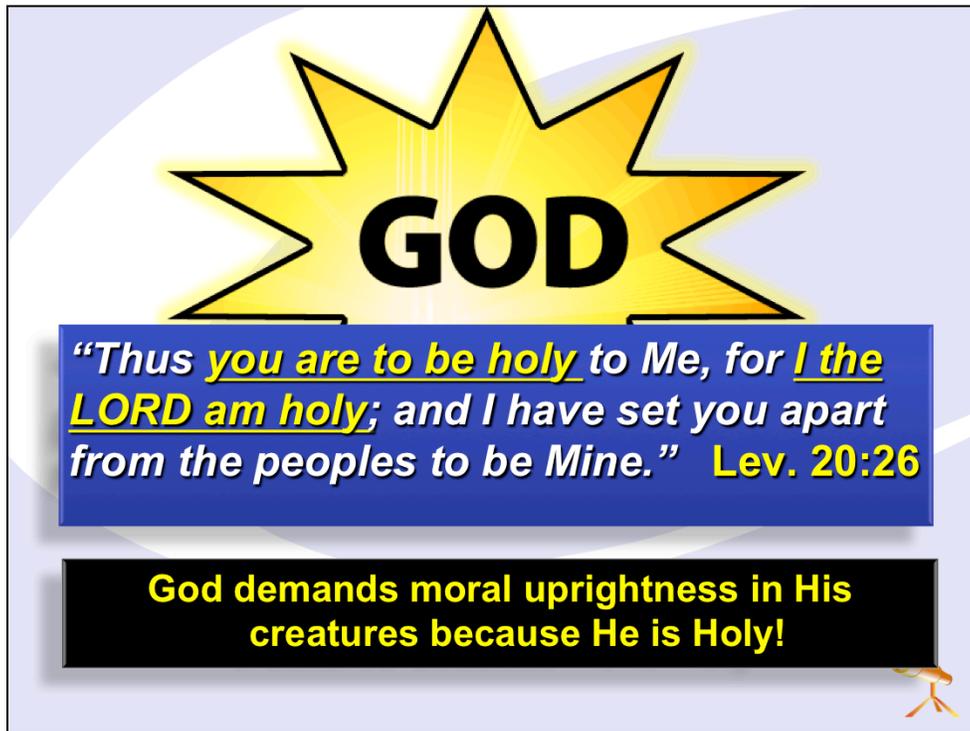


When man can exhibit the characteristic of holiness God has a union and relationship with man that is called spiritual fellowship.

We are really spirit beings that inhabit these earthly physical bodies. The earthly bodies are temporary and mortal. Our spirit bodies will soon leave these bodies and inhabit the true reality that God has prepared for eternity. This world is the Matrix.

This is why we try to get our kids to be holy.

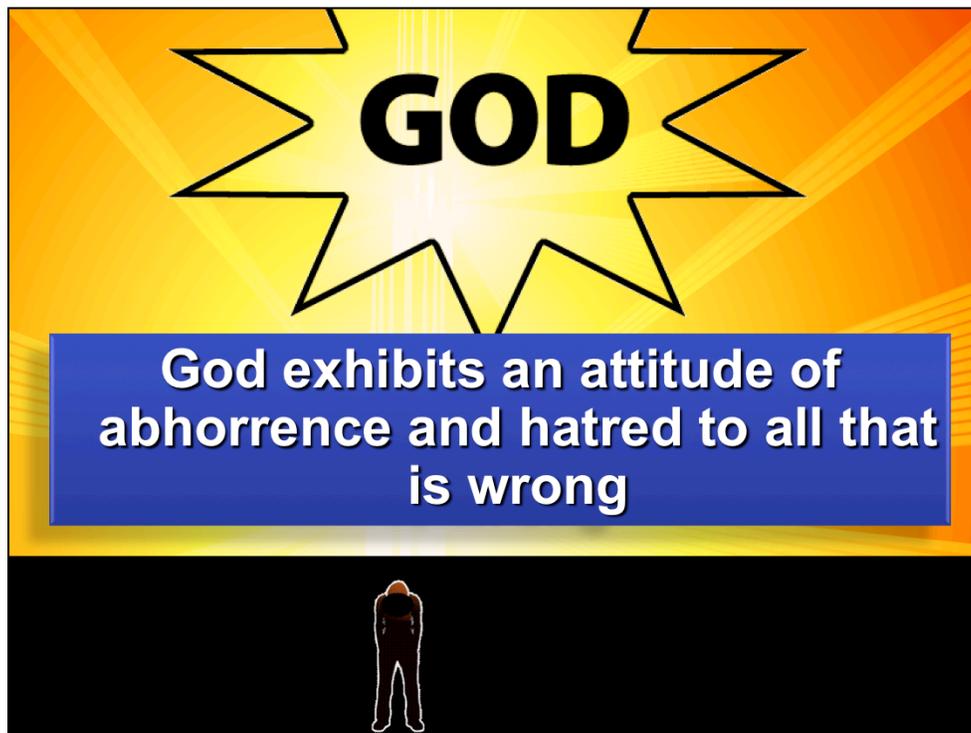
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So, God expects as much as possible, that we be Holy, as He is holy! God wants a spiritual relationship with us. He is a **Holy Spirit** and in order for that to occur we must have spirits that been cleansed from sin... somehow . . So we can be holy as well.

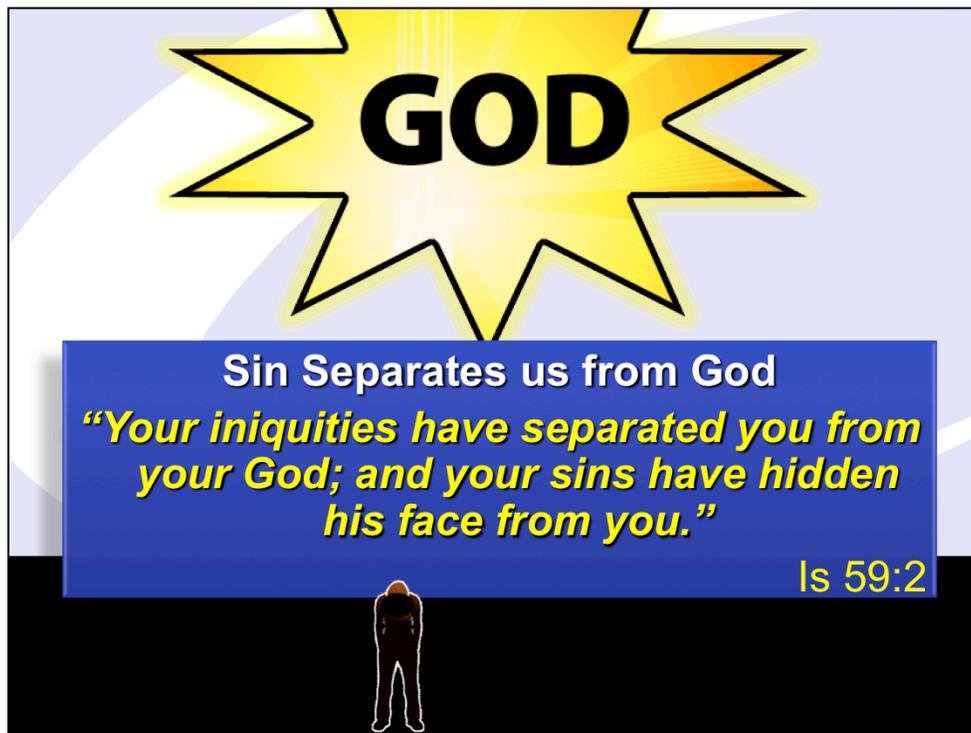
This is the idea of **SANCTIFICATION** – to make holy or set apart before God. Usually connected with having our sins cleansed. We cannot be presentable to God if we have sin present in our lives.

<TR> **God expects man, that is made in His image, to be Holy as He is holy. It is possible! That fact is part of the good news! But it is not easy....**



God is of such purity and sin is such a revulsion that he cannot look upon sin. (Charged filings when confronted with a magnet).

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That's why when sin (any sin) separates us from God is described in most drastic terms.

Spiritual Death – (not 5 minutes in the naughty corner for you Supernanny fans)

Our culture continues to diminish sin, while God demands holiness

<TR> This is what Romans 6:23 tells us about the wages of sin...

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*



Notice how the terms SIN and DEATH are related
<TR>But here is where the problem gets serious...

The CONSEQUENCES of Sin



SPIRITUAL

PHYSICAL

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

Genesis 3:19 

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Two Deaths



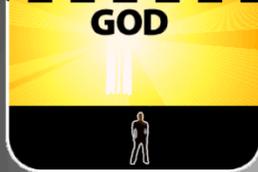
SPIRITUAL

PHYSICAL

JUDICIAL

CONSEQUENCES

Penalty



**Separation
From God**

**Death of our
bodies**

**Life payment
for sin**

**Result of
individual sin**

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

**Required of
every sinner**

"The wages of sin
is death"
Romans 6:23

"for dust you are, and
to the dust you shall
return."
Genesis 3:19

"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 God, and the price of death hangs over our head (which we cannot pay!) by a just God!



The principle so many overlook is that the price for sin is personal – no thing or no one else is responsible for the price for my sin – it is on my head – it is on your head – it is on the head of everyone who sins

Being good will not take care of this problem.

<TR> So man is in a miserable situation. He has a price on his head that he cannot pay. Is there any hope? What is the remedy?

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

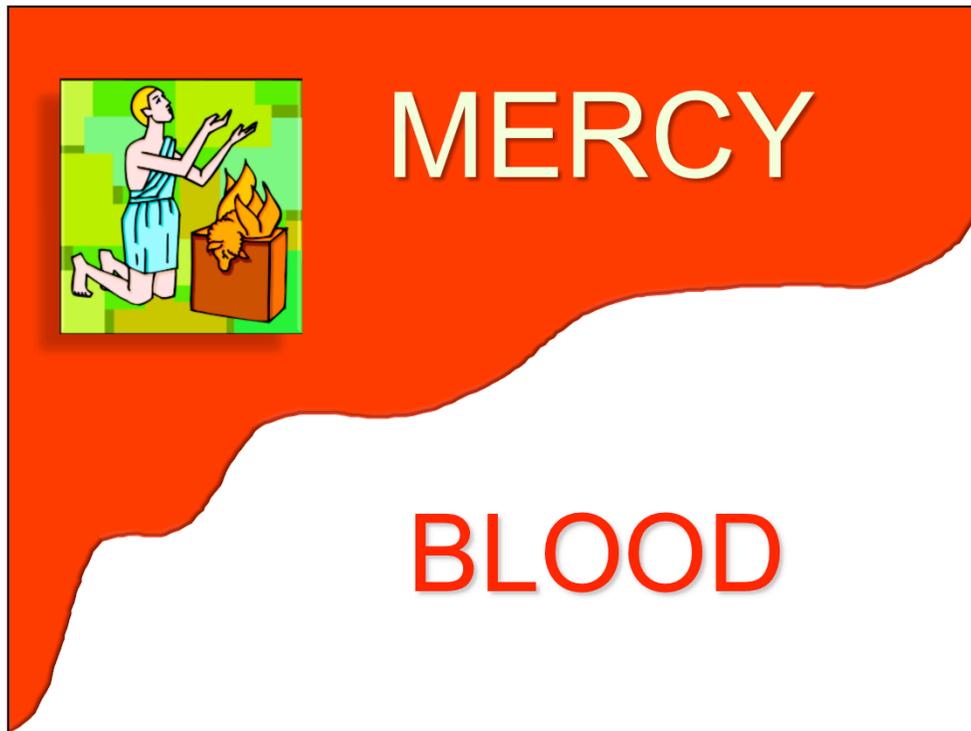
God *does not give*
what *is* deserved
(Romans 1:18)

DEATH!



If we only experienced the JUSTICE of God it would be a short story for all of us.

But the other side of His holiness is His LOVE as demonstrated in His grace and mercy.



This is where we see that God's lovingkindness comes in to help man out from the penalty demanded by His justice.

All that blood in the OT is the mechanism that God uses to demonstrate His mercy

This is why the Bible is a book that drips blood. This is what animal sacrifice was all about. It was God's way to demonstrate His grace or mercy

<TR>Man's redemption is all wrapped up in the idea of Atonement

Atonement

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



Atonement is the mechanism of reconciliation

Atonement is the result of reconciliation between man who broke God's laws and God himself so that spiritual reunion can take place.

<TR> And atonement is offered by the blood of animals



When man can exhibit the characteristic of holiness God has a union and relationship with man that is called spiritual fellowship.

Holiness for man can only take place if the price for sin can be paid thereby removing sin.

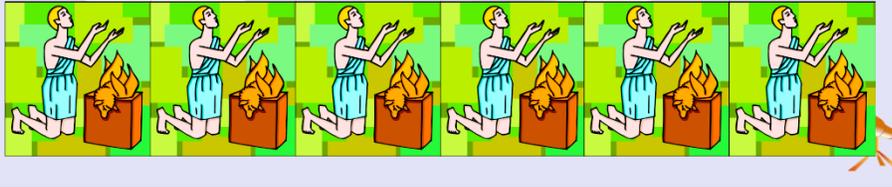
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Atonement

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**.'*



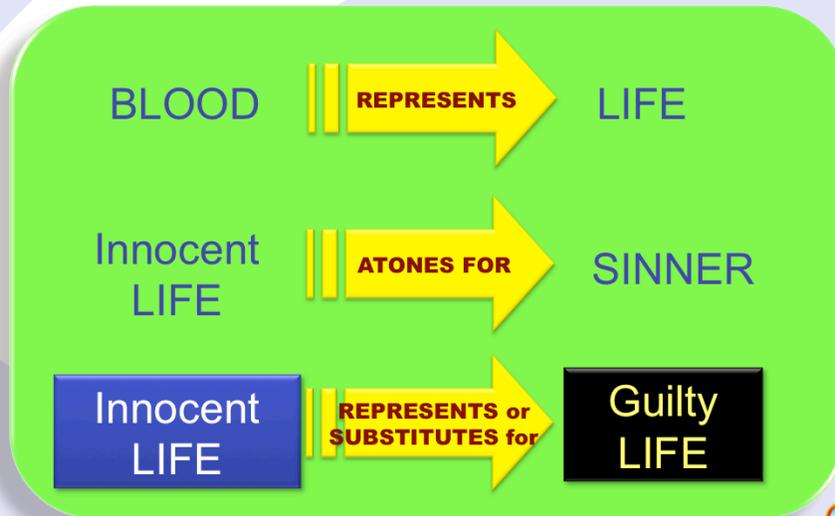
Life makes atonement.

One thing we must realize is that God is not a God with some sort of bloodlust. Like the “throw the virgin in the volcano and appease the gods” kind of God.

(Animal sacrifice is another tremendous evidence of God. Every culture in the world, all over the world, has practiced sacrifice. I read that the scholars are puzzled as to how man could have gotten this universal idea that killing something would bring good fortune)

<TR> No. God uses blood (or life) to make atonement due to its representative nature and the seriousness of the crime

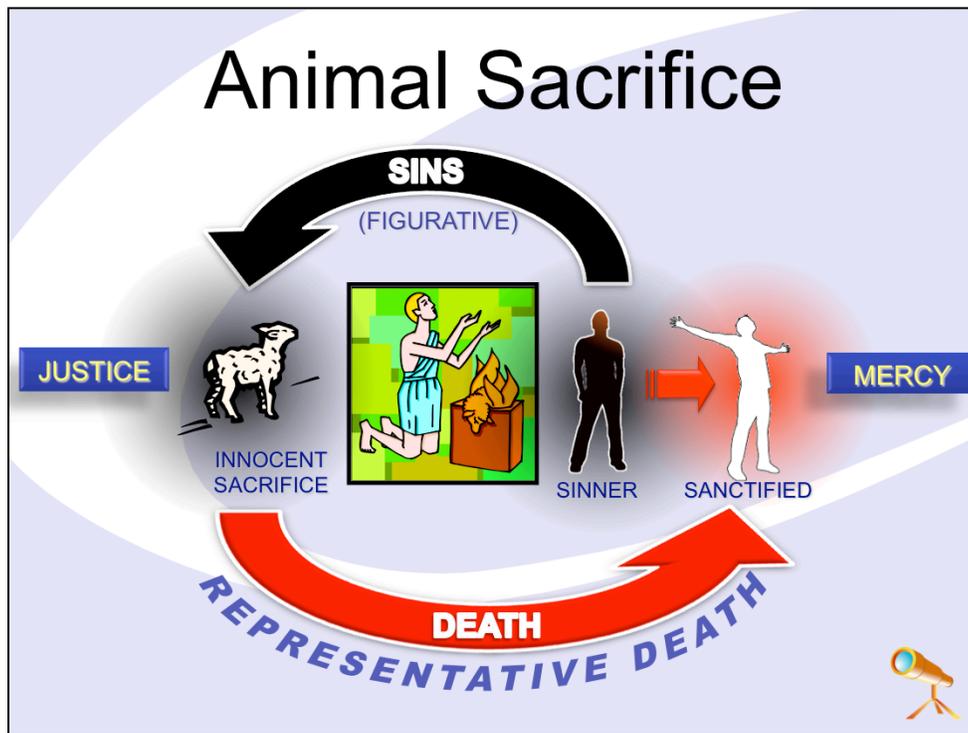
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Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness



<Sin is bad>



SO here is a visual of how animal sacrifice worked.

What Made it Work?

FAITH



The biblical concept of faith is even seen in animal sacrifice.
Couldn't just believe in animal sacrifice. The animal had to be killed
Heb 9:22

Dad didn't want to do it because it is raining and cold.
Son does it because dad always did it.

<The Bible is replete with examples of faith

Faith's Hall of Fame By Faith...

	Abel	OFFERED
	Noah	PREPARED
	Abraham	OBEYED
	Sarah	CONCEIVED
Heb 11	Abraham	OFFERED
	Isaac	BLESSED
	Israelites	PASSED THROUGH
	Walls of Jericho	ENCIRCLED

Genuine FAITH requires **Belief-based ACTION**

Notice what they all had in common

Suppose it was time for an animal sacrifice and you decided it was too cold and the lambs had to be chased down and you decided that God knew your heart so you would just skip the yearly sacrifice.

Couldn't just BELIEVE in animal sacrifice

Likewise, suppose you were killed and your children decided that a yearly sacrifice was a good tradition to keep up without any knowledge of why that animal was killed.

Couldn't just kill the animal. Had to know why it was being performed.

Believe alone was no good, action alone was no good. Required both.

Naaman is another great example

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 a rewarder of those who **diligently seek Him.**



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"

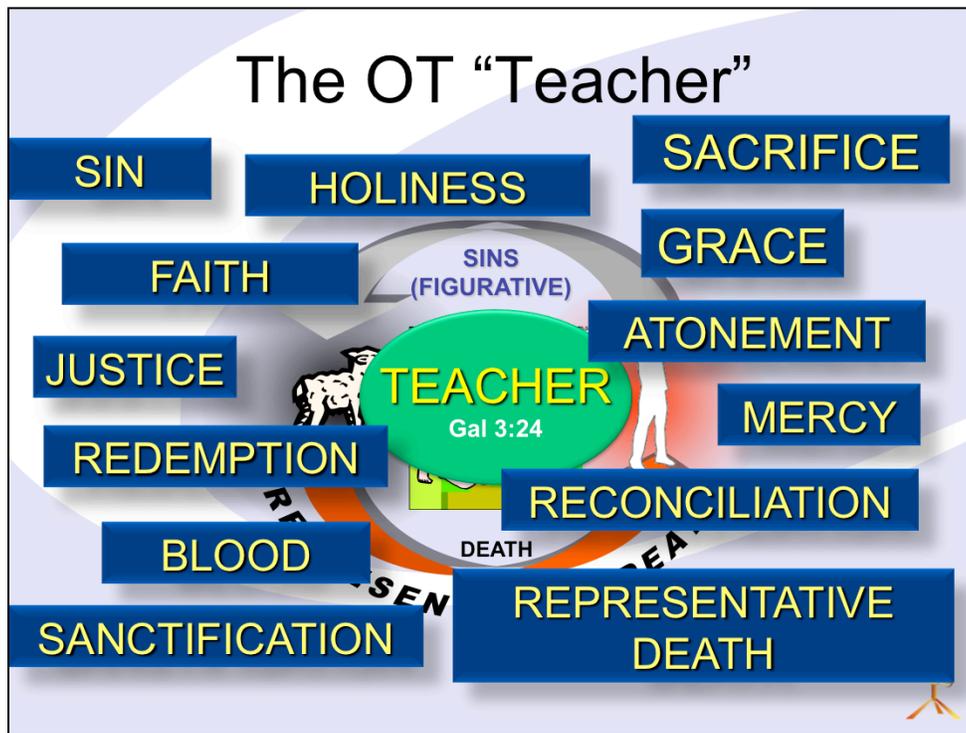
(v21-23) Abraham's faith was perfected by
belief working *with* his actions

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

(v26) Faith without action is dead

(v19) *Devils are believers!*

THERE ARE BELIEVERS IN HELL!



Look at what we've learned from OT animal sacrifice.

<TR> Thousands of years go by with millions of innocent animals being slain representatively. Why?

God was preparing for this moment in time.

This is certainly one of the most climatic moments in history.

John the baptist is baptizing and looks up and sees Jesus approaching for the first time and he announces Him....



There it is. The plan of redemption in a nutshell

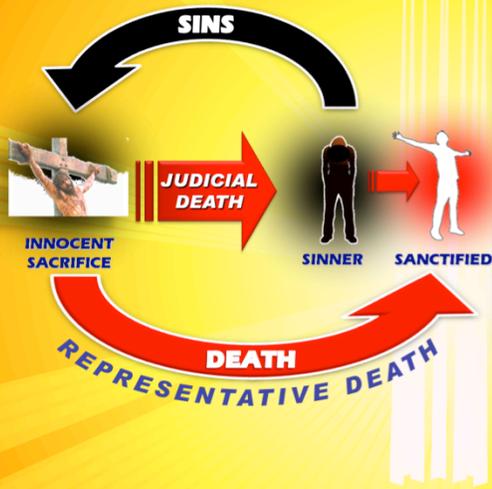
Why did he call Jesus an animal?

What was he communicating to the Jewish mind by calling Jesus and animal? Particularly a lamb?

God's lamb. Did Jesus come to die by accident? Hardly. He was announced to be God's lamb which meant he had to be God's sacrifice.

[Explain that OT contains much more information – the promises made to Abraham, the chosen people the Jews, the law and the covenants – but the reason for all of those was ultimately the choosing of His people through Christ]

Christ's Sacrifice – Removes Sin



Romans 6:6

Our old self was crucified with Him,

That our body of sin might be done away with.

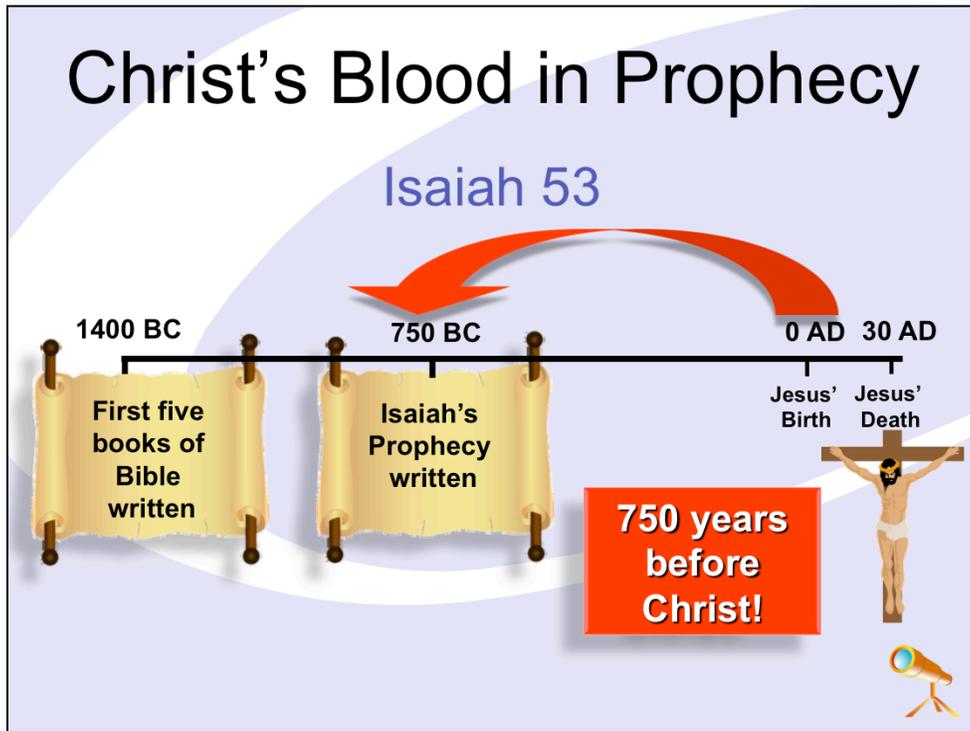
Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness

An Important Prophecy

- 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.**
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; as He will **bear their iniquities.**

Christ's Blood in Prophecy

Isaiah 53



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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.***



Christ's Sacrifice – OT Fulfillment



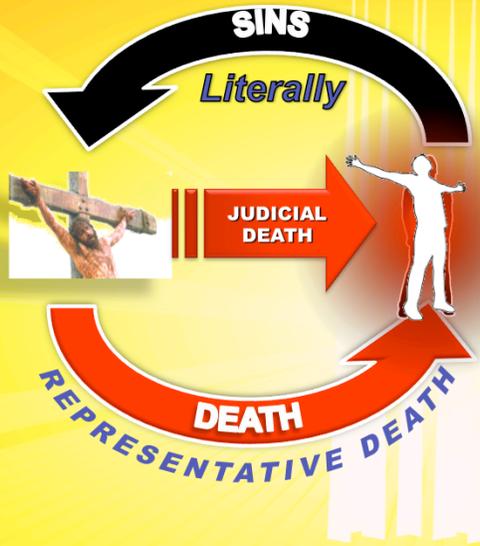
Matthew 5:17

"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



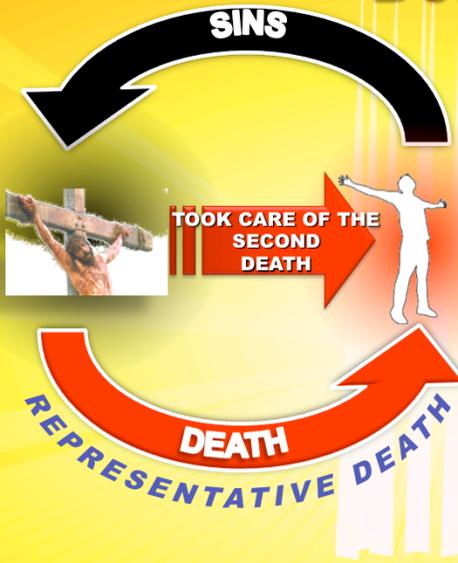
1 Peter 2:24

*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



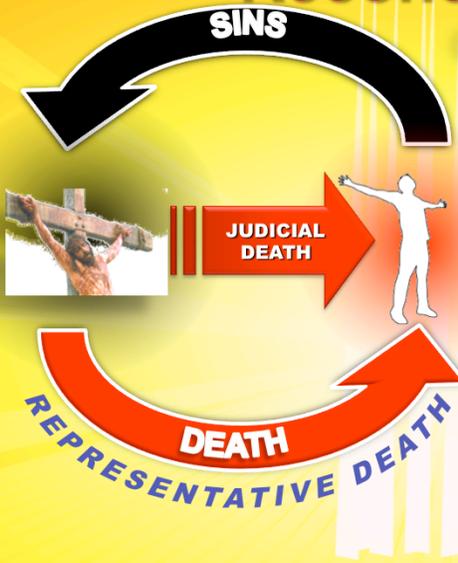
2 Cor 5:21 –Sin bearer
“Him who knew no sin,
He was made to be sin
on our behalf.”

Ezekiel 18:20
“The soul that sinneth
It shall die.”

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

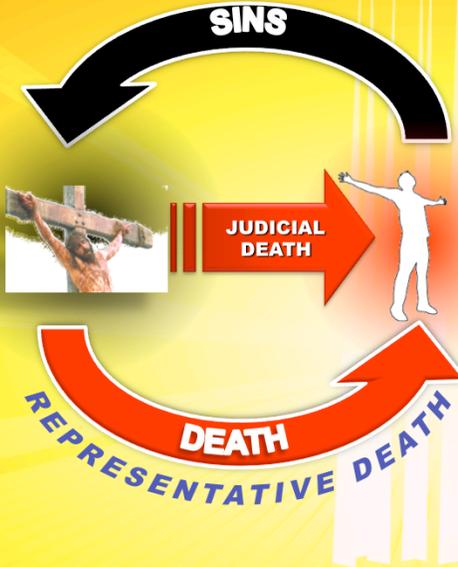
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Hebrews 13:12
Hebrews 10:10

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

<TR> Who died?

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.



JUDICIAL DEATH



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

DEATH
REPRESENTATIVE

The Sinner Died
representatively through Jesus, thus paying our judicial price for sin.

Romans 6:6
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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!



So.... Our sins can not and will not be forgiven unless we have:

Died with Christ

Been united with Him in His death

Have been crucified with Christ

We have died to Sin!

Now, if this is the gospel message that Christ died in my place when he died for me. These four points become important requirements connected with the death of Christ.

What would be the question if you heard this gospel message and believed it? You heard this message, that by dying with Him you by faith and accepting God's grace you could have your sins forgiven....what would be the first question you would ask?

What is the question? Don't think of the answer, what is the question?

Hint - One word.

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?

Now if you ask this to people today you get a lot of different answers. Why? Different gospels. Believe? (James says No) Pray?

Do you suppose that God would put in place the scheme of redemption and have millions of animals killed over thousands of years just to prepare the way for His son (the Lamb of God) and then have Christ go through the anguish, suffering, and cruel death on the cross – to die in my place – and then leave us in confusion as to where Christ’s death became mine! Can you believe it.

The confusion doesn’t come from God. It comes from man.

We need a Bible answer, not an answer based on human reasoning, tradition, or human emotion. We want God to answer the question and we want to accept His answer.

<TR> Let’s go to the book

We must have a Bible answer to our four questions!

ROMANS 6

When?

"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*

Or
How?

"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**
Jn. 3:5
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



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



You've just been cleaned up. Don't go out and get dirty again!

Jay Reynolds, old navy man tried to quit smoking.

He tried behavioral conditioning, gum, nicotine patches, you name it. Nothing worked. One day he goes to the doctor for a checkup. He lingers outside and has a smoke. Goes in and the doctor found a spot on his lungs!

He walked out and never touched another cigarette. ***What happened?***

He changed his mind immediately, dramatically. That spot on his lung changed him.

What does *your spirit* look like? Has it been washed in the blood of the lamb and made spotless or is like that lung that is the product of years of smoking?

We can do whatever we set our minds to do.

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

INTO DEATH

FAITH

NEW LIFE

United with Christ's Death



Notice: One here must be obedient to that “**form of teaching**” to which you were committed.

Eg. I can't obey a fact – like the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ, but I can obey a *form* of that fact....when I participate in the *Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ* when I am buried with Christ and arise to walk with Him in newness of life!

Remember, it is not enough to just *believe* the Gospel, one must *obey it!* (2 Thess 2:1-7). This is how one applies to his account in heaven the blood of Jesus to cover his sins!

Think of baptism as the “Believer’s Wedding Ceremony.” The important thing in marriage is that you have love and faith in the person you want to marry. However, you are not married, you do not become one until you exchange your marriage vows! Similarly, until you are baptized into Christ, you are not one with Him. Only now are you able to take on His name!

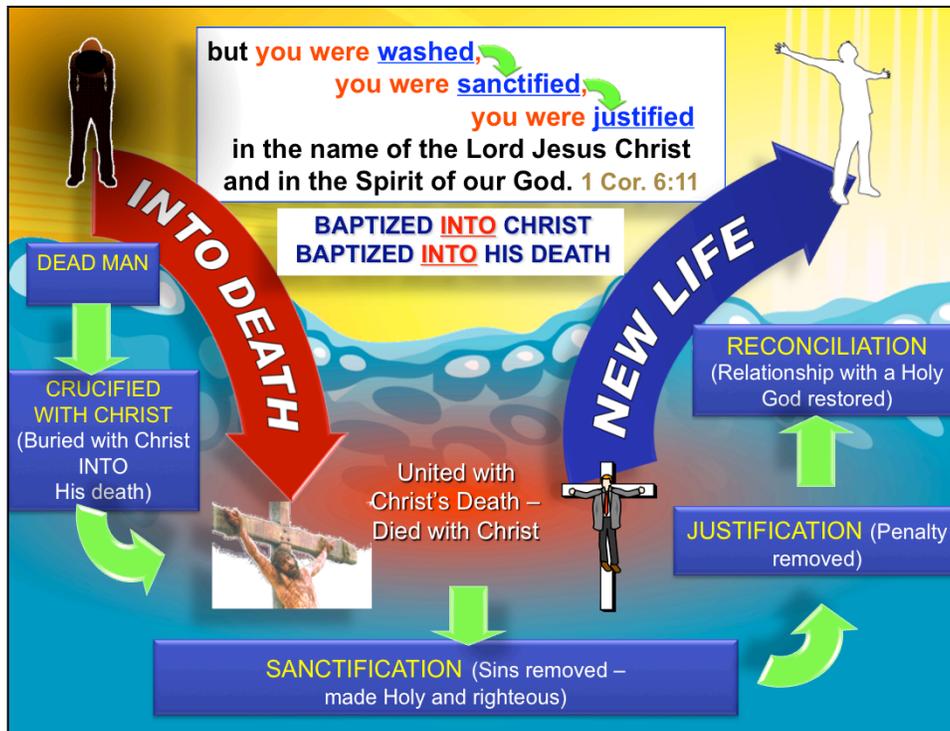
23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord..

INTO DEATH

GIFT

NEW LIFE

United with Christ's Death



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 w
one hope when you w
one Lord,
one faith,
one baptism,
one God and Father of all
who is over all and through all and in all.



Here we have a very important list

Why is baptism on this list?

John's baptism, Holy Spirit baptism

Many baptisms today- different purposes: infant baptism, baptism of the heart, Holy Spirit baptism, baptism to show commitment or to join a church, baptism by proxy

Different subjects: infants, non-believers

Different mediums: sprinkling, pouring, immersion

How could we find out what the one baptism is? Acts finally

What Shall We Do?

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they were pierced to the heart,
and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,
"Brethren, what shall we do?"*

They
believed the
gospel

First gospel
sermon
Pentecost

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***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.***

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The
GOSPEL
RESPONSE



Do you understand the “**Big Picture**” of the Bible and what the true gospel is now and how you obey that gospel? (Review chart).

In the OT period through faith in God and the animal sacrifices looking forward to the coming of Christ, sins were forgiven sort of “on credit” awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

In the NT, faith in Christ as the perfect sacrifice and the lamb of God is accredited to your account in heaven when you respond to the gospel by participating in the death/burial/and resurrection which is how you “obey the gospel.”

Now, turn and read Eph 1:3. It says “**All spiritual blessings in the heavenly places are found in Christ Jesus.**” What are some of those blessings? Discuss which ones mean the most to them.... **Salvation, Fellowship, Hope of Heaven, Purpose in Life, Freedom from sin**, etc. Then ask again..

Would you like to have those blessings? *Where are they found?* **They are found in Christ! (See Eph 1:3, Gal 3:27).**

Would you allow me to baptize you into Christ now so that you might die with Him and arise to walk in a new life having Christ’s blood applied to your account in heaven?

How quickly did they respond to the gospel message in Acts 16: 33 they responded “***in the same hour of the night and immediately he was baptized.***” ***Would you die with Christ now?***

An Urgent and Important Command

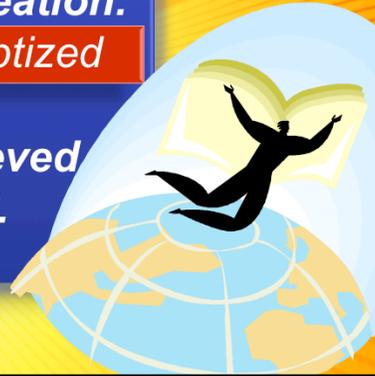
The great commission –

*“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



Let's complete the command of Christ...

This is exactly what we see the apostles carrying out in Acts



Won't you accept the promise and gift of God's son today?

If you believe in Christ and have faith in His blood, and are willing to repent of your sins and confess His name... then you are ready to die with Him and have your sins removed, and enter His kingdom and live a life of faithful loving obedience to Christ as king and have every confidence that you will spend eternity in heaven.

But if you reject this gift there will be no hope for you... there is no other basis on which God will forgive sin...nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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