

Good Sacrifice; Full Pay!



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Since good works do not pay the penalty of our sins, then another way must be available. Obedience to the *Word of God* is evidence that we love the *Son of God*. John 14:15 “*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*” Keeping the Commandments is faithfully obeying the Word. Jesus said John 8:31 “*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.*”

There is no merit nor payment because of doing good works—whatever those good deeds may be. Luke 17:10 “*So you also, when you have obeyed all the orders given you, must say, ‘There is no merit in our service: what we have done is only what we were in duty bound to do.’*” Good works do not pay for our sins, but faith on the Blood of Christ pays our sin debt in full.

A Greek engineer was once faced with a difficult problem that involved the density of a gold crown. The king wanted to know whether the crown was *pure* gold or mixed with silver. A scientist then discovered that when an object is submerged in water, the level of the water rises because the object moves the water out to make room for itself. He *knew* the weight of gold, so he could *calculate* the weight of that *volume* of gold.

We can *know* the Truth of the Word by the *enlightenment* of the Holy Spirit within.

Some people read through Scripture to find a loophole, or some way to justify the life they want to live—apart from the life God *requires* everyone to live. We know that the Bible is true, and that there are *no* loopholes; *no* other plan; *no* other God in whom everyone must put their trust in faith.

Isaiah 45:22 “*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*” God says that He is the only God out there—no one else can *deliver; heal; provide; protect; convert; forgive; and save* as He can—no one else! Do we *want* those things enough, to *trust* Him in faith for them, and at no cost to us—*that* is the question!

How can we be right with God and *what* is that one pathway—it is the pathway of believing faith—that is the answer. Acts 4:12 “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*” There are many who do not like the *exclusiveness* of that statement, but it is the *Word* from God, and it is *always* accurate.

The one Person who can do the impossible—*deliver, protect, provide, heal, convert, and save*, is mentioned—1 Timothy 2:5 “*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*” 1 John 5:11 “*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*”

Many verses inform us that Jesus is the only way to make *peace* with God, and the only way to be in close *fellowship* with Him. Since Jesus is this “*One Mediator,*” someone may ask, or we may want to know ourselves, why He *is* the only *answer* to life’s problems and the only *way* to Heaven.

There *has* to be a *right* answer and we *have* to *know* the answer when we leave this world and go into eternity. There has to be a *right* answer to counteract all the *wrong* answers in the world—and a way to protect us from landing in the flames. The *answer* is to somehow bring a *good* and a *right* sacrifice—it *has* to be a *perfect* offering—one that God will accept.

Reading from the Old Testament, we find that God used animal sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins. Later, the Jewish people would bring animal offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem to atone for their sins. When the innocent animal’s *blood* was shed, it was understood to be a *substitute* for the individual’s *own* blood.

They knew that due to their own sins, they deserved to die; but because of the substitute animal’s blood being shed on their behalf, their sin was taken away. Leviticus 17:11 “*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.*”

Each family of the Children of Israel, who were slaves in Egypt, took the blood of a lamb without blemish and put it on the doorposts of their dwellings, so the death angel would “*pass over*” them. Jewish people celebrate a Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur in Hebrew—which is the day when all Israel is supposed to confess their sins, sacrifice animals as substitutes, and receive forgiveness.

That is not done anymore, because the sacrifice has to be made at the Temple in Jerusalem, which was destroyed in 70 A.D. If God demands a blood sacrifice to atone for sins, *that* is what it must be—we cannot *change* what God has *planned* to purge sin. Some people ask what that blood sacrifice could be *now*, since the Temple was destroyed almost 2,000 years ago.

There is a specific *reason* for a *blood* sacrifice—and why it is no longer necessary. When the apostle saw Jesus, he said John 1:29 “*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*” God *demand*s a perfect sacrifice, but no one can *offer* it, except the *Lamb of God*—it is *He*, and our *faith* in His shed *Blood* that *atones* for our sins. Animal sacrifices are no longer needed.

We can be *healed* and *delivered*; we are *saved* and *redeemed* 1 Peter 1:19 “*With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*” It is the only way and the only *plan* God has—Hebrews 9:22 “*And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*” 1 Peter 2:24 “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*”

No one can change God’s *standard* of righteousness. *Jesus* is the perfect sacrifice who paid the penalty for all the sins of the world. God demands a *perfect* sacrifice for atonement of sin. If Jesus were only a *prophet*, then *payment* would not have been made.

Many people have died on a cross, but *Jesus* died as a *perfect* offering—because He 1 Peter 2:22 “*Committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.*”

That is the *huge* difference—Jesus was tempted as we are, but He *never* sinned. He always chose to *do* the Father’s will—what He *knew* was right. He alone could be that *perfect* sacrifice for all sin and for all sinners. He was the Lamb without blemish and the perfect sacrifice for all our sins. Everyone needs *Jesus* to get out of this world spiritually alive—because Jesus was

the only *perfect* sacrifice for sin that *must* be offered to a holy God.

Yeshua is mentioned in the Old Testament, and Jesus’ original Hebrew name is Yeshua—which means salvation. Jews who only read the Torah and who don’t believe Jesus is the Messiah, need to read five passages in the Old Testament—and asking: *Who is this referring to!*

First verse Isaiah 53:3 “*He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*” This verse speaks of a *suffering servant* and can only be referring to *Jesus*.

Second verse tells about the crucifixion of the Messiah, which describes Jesus’ death on the Cross. Psalms 22:1 “*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.*”

Third verse speaks about the *old* covenant, and that one day there will be a *new* one. Jeremiah 31:31 “*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.*”

Fourth verse Daniel 9:24 “*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*” The holy city is Jerusalem, and since it was destroyed in 70 A.D., then the Messiah had to have come *before* that! Jesus alone fulfilled that prophecy.

Fifth reference Proverbs 30:4 “*Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son’s name!*”

Scripture proclaims in these and many other passages that the Son of God would come in a particular time and manner. For almost 2,000 years, O.T. Jews have not been able to offer animal sacrifices, because the Temple where they must be offered was destroyed by the Romans.

Since Jesus is the *perfect* sacrifice for *all* sin for *all* time, the Temple sacrifices are not needed today. The Jewish law, that required an effective sin offering, is why *Jesus* came—to be the *perfect* one-time-for-all-time offering.

Our *part* in this divine plan, is our *choice* to trust on that *perfect sacrifice of Atonement* made on the cross for all who want *salvation* enough, to live by faith on the *Son of God* enough. That trust on God is for every aspect of daily living—God has promised to *heal*; *deliver*; *provide*; *protect*; and *save* all those who will *believe* Him and *trust* Him in faith to do them.

If we search for the *Truth from God*, we will always be directed to the *Word of God*. Hebrews 1:3 “*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*”

Perfect *sacrifice* and full *payment* have been made—now we decide.



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