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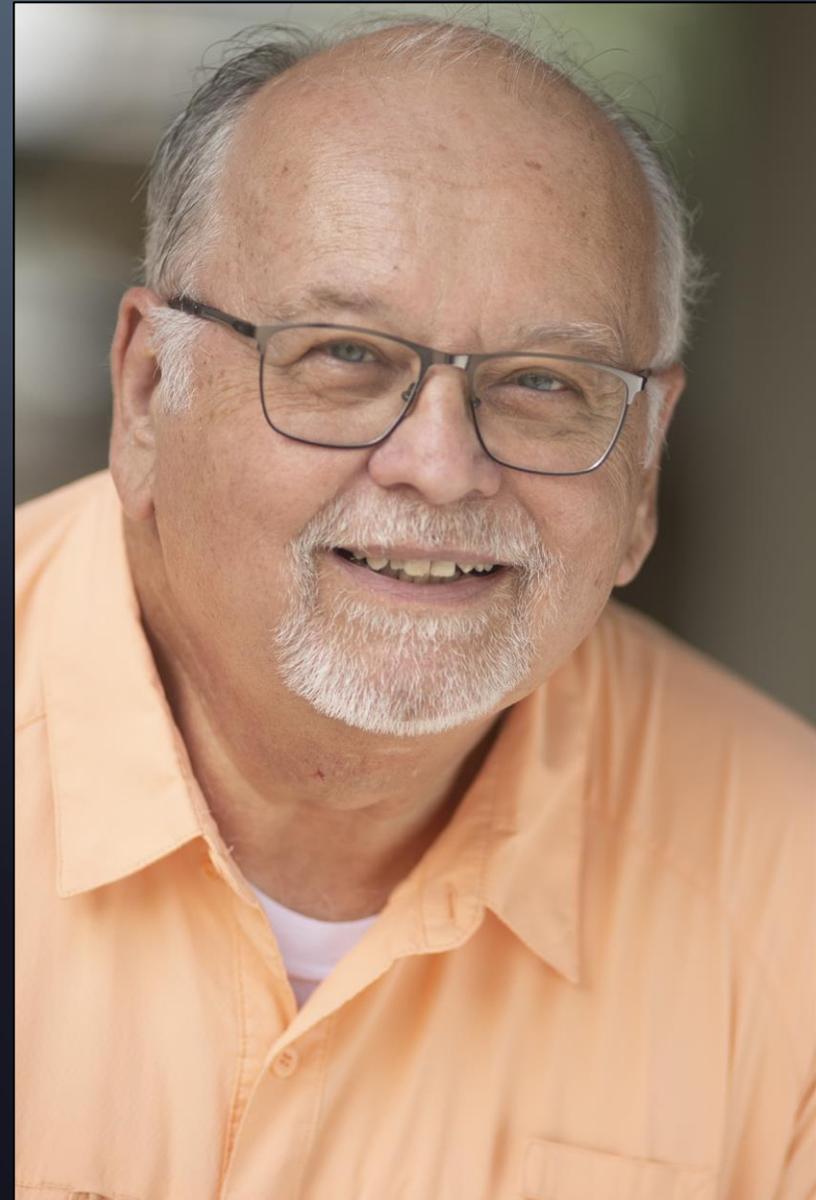
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# Introduction

Most everyone believes Jesus is a good person. Some think He was a prophet. But others believe He was nut-so, a falsifier, a downright liar. Some think He could do miracles, and some don't. Some deny He was born of a virgin. The Bible says He was.

It seems as if everyone falls into one of four categories regarding Jesus: (1) those who believe Jesus was a beneficial influence, (2) those who don't seem to care at all, (3) those who deny Him altogether, lastly, (4) those who believe He is the Christ, the Son of God, miracle worker, and resurrected Lord.

I claim Jesus is Deity, God, who came to earth to save men from spiritual death, offering eternal life in heaven. I claim Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. I claim Jesus is *good* for us!

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# Our relationship with God – it's not a good one without Jesus.

God determined to make man in their image, [Genesis 1:26](#). They formed him from the dust of the ground and gave him the breath of life, [Genesis 2:7](#). So man exists in the semblance of God, not that he could do god-like things but that he was a *spirit-being*, covered in the flesh while on earth. When God said, "our own image," He meant we are spirit as He is Spirit.

God placed man in a garden that He created in Eden. He named the man Adam, and he had a mate, Eve, the first woman, [Genesis 2:23](#). She was like Adam in that she was a spirit-being with flesh. Adam was all man, and Eve was all woman. All people everywhere are spirit-people covered by flesh.

There was an evil creature, a serpent, [Genesis 3:1](#), a shrewd creature. He came to the garden and talked with Eve while she was alone. He asked Eve about their source of food.



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God had told Adam they could eat from any tree in the garden, except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, [Genesis 2:17](#). The penalty for eating the fruit of that tree was death.

Well, the crafty serpent told Eve they wouldn't die, [Genesis 3:1-7](#). She ate the fruit and gave it to Adam also. In the cool of the evening, God walked in the garden, looking for them. He soon found out they had eaten the forbidden food, [Genesis 3:8-23](#).

He banished them from Eden. They would have to work hard for their food, and eventually, they would pass from life. They *died* because of their *sin*, physically and spiritually, [Romans 5:12](#).

This was man's first sin. God's law for sin is death. Sin means missing the mark of God's glory, [Romans 3:23](#). Even today, anyone who sins must die. Spiritual death is eternal separation from God, and that's a horrible situation!



Let this tree represent the Tree of Life



Let this tree represent the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

# Our relationship with God – it's not a good one without Jesus.

Separation from God may not mean much to many because the world lives without Him. However, being separated from God forever is the worst thing that could happen to us. Check out the following list.

- Degeneration of the body to physical death.
- A troubled, hurting conscience, guilt.
- Mental anguish.
- Racial hostility.
- God turns away from the sinner.
- Not able to talk to God; God will not hear the sinner.
- Alone, afraid, hurting, without a solution, without hope.
- Hearing the words at the judgment, "Depart from me."
- Hell, a place of eternal violent *torment, more than we can imagine!*
- Banished forever from God.
- Wrath, indignation, affliction, punishment, death, and suffering.
- Torment

See the web article <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1554-have-you-considered-the-consequences-of-sin>.

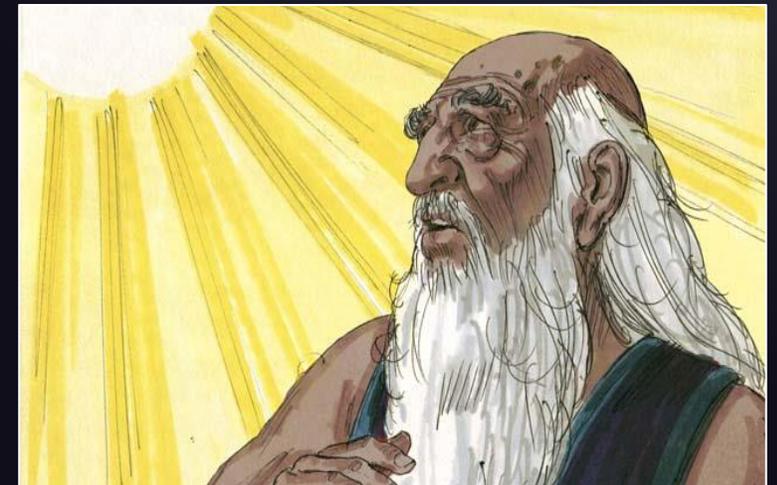


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Adam and Eve die, of course, but their lineage grows deeper into a sinful life. People's sins were so vile that God decided to destroy every human by a flood. Everyone died in the flood but Noah and his family. Noah was right before God, and God told him to build an ark so that he and his family would survive.

After the flood, Noah's family propagates the earth. People then tried to build a tower to God. That was a sin, too. God confounded their speech into all languages. This event is the beginning of the nations. [Genesis 10](#).

Then, a fellow named Abraham heard God's voice and told him to go where He would show him. Abraham did so and ended up in Canaan.



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God makes Abraham three promises: he shall have innumerable descendants and land, and through him, the nations of the earth shall be blessed. See [Genesis 12](#) about all this.

Abraham had two children, one would be the father of the Arabs, and the other would be the father of the Hebrews (Jewish folk).

Of course, everyone would continue to sin. Maybe you have heard of Sodom and Gomorrah? God destroyed those cities full of homosexual stuff.

Let's move on to the New Testament. Suffice it to say that through all generations, everyone sinned, including you and me.



# Our relationship with God – it's not a good one without Jesus.

At the beginning of the New Testament, Rome occupies Israel. There's a Jewish high priest named Caiaphas, a Jewish ruling body, the Sanhedrin, and generally two camps of religious belief – the Sadducees and the Pharisees. Then, there are the scribes, who are the typewriters of the day. They copied the Old Testament Law and served as clerks. Since many of them copied the Law, they were experts in its teachings. Folks often came to them asking for clarification of the Law. Ruling over all this is a Roman governor named Pontius Pilate.

Here's the condition of folks at this time: you were either a Jew or a Gentile, one outside the covenant (pagans, infidels, heathens, and non-Jewish persons). Although many Jews at this time held God's Law in their hearts, the Jews generally had gotten away from true spiritual worship and life. That would be sin, as Jesus told them. On the other hand, the Gentiles were vile folk, committing all kinds of sins – I'm talking gross stuff, even to the point of having their children killed. Everyone sinned; this is Judea as Jesus came into the world.

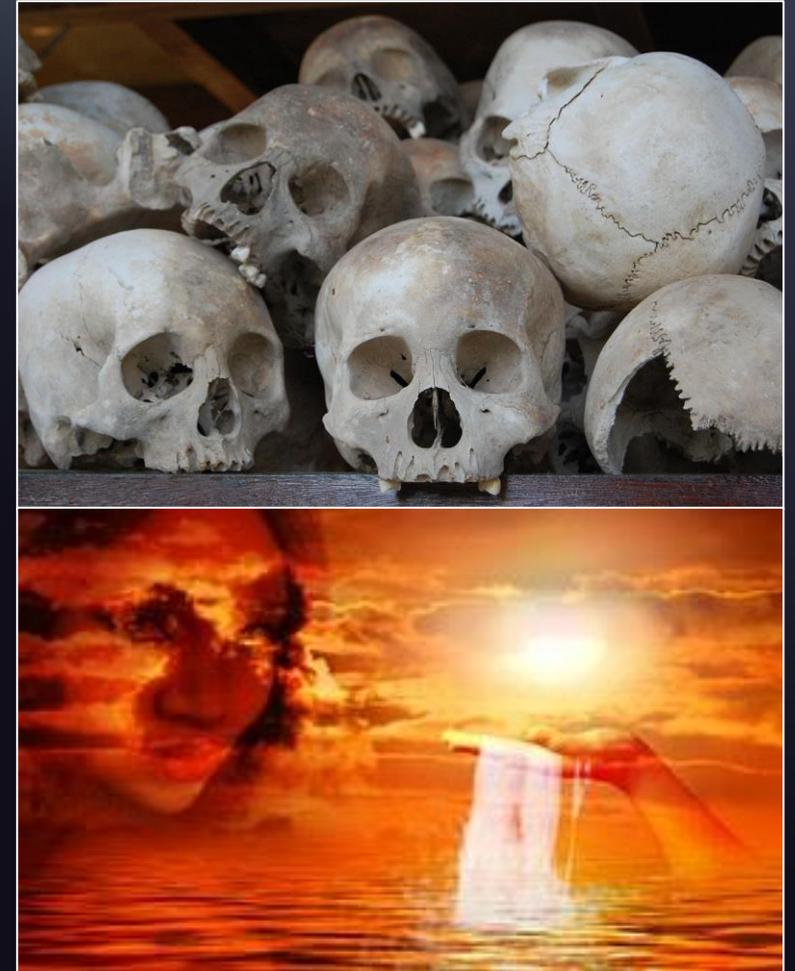


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We need to define sin as the condition that kills everyone. Here's [Romans 5:12](#), *"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind because all sinned."* Sin is the transgression of God's law.

When the devil introduced sin into the world, the world became a deadly place. People died because they sinned. They physically and spiritually - eternal separation of God in the punishment of fiery torment. Sin is in the world, and *we sin*, too; our punishment is death! By the way, we don't inherit our ancestor's sins. [Ezekiel 18](#) puts a stop to all that theological nonsense. Only the soul that sins shall die, which means all of us.

Remember what happens when we sin. We are separated from God and looking to the death penalty of eternal torment and hell.



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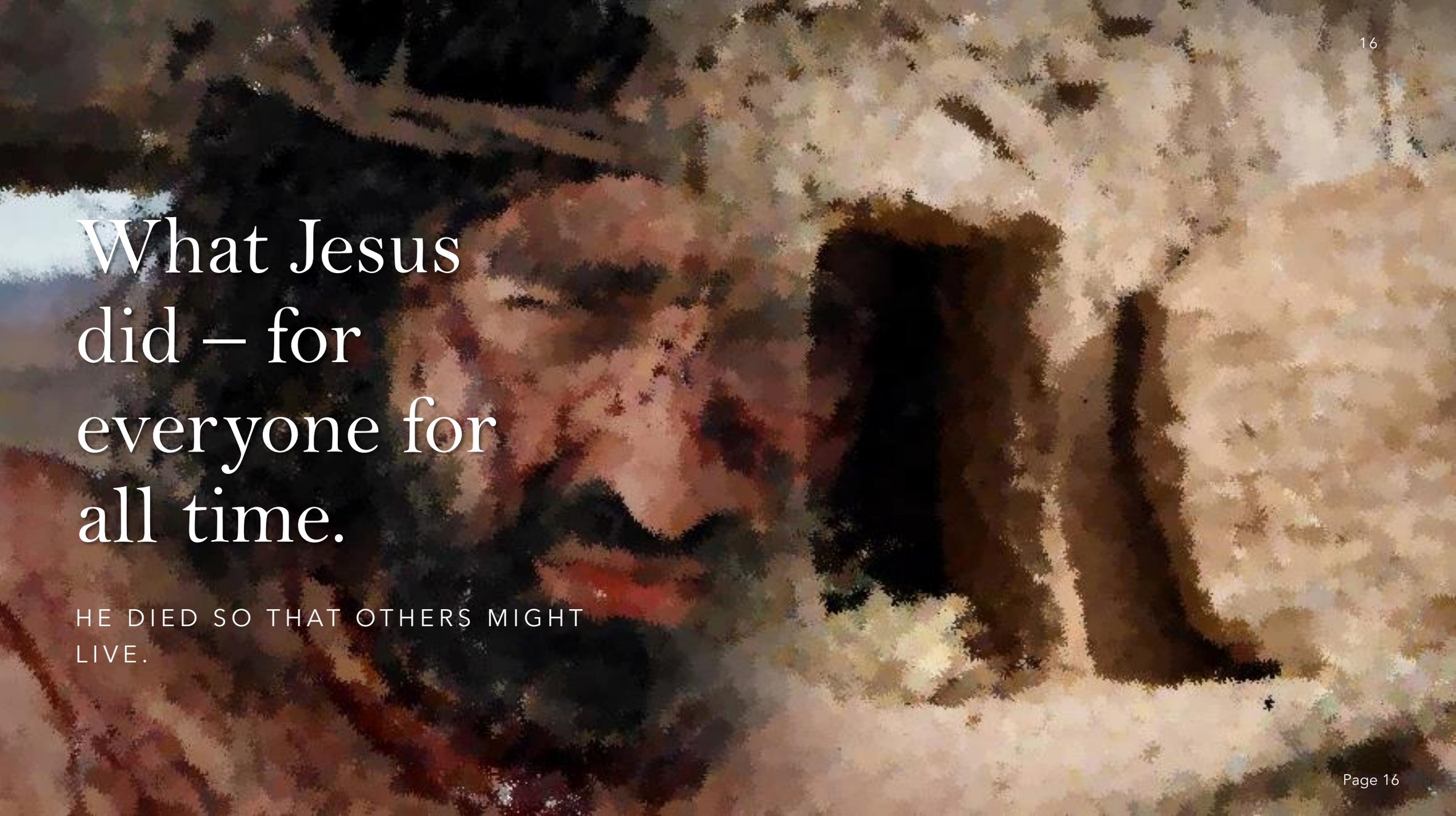
When someone dies, their soul separates from their body. Our body returns to the dust of the earth, and the soul returns to God who gave it, [Ecclesiastes 12:7](#). We will never again see the happenings of the world. We are in the spirit realm.

We go to Hades, the dwelling place of the dead. For many, Hades is a place of torment; for others, it is a place of comfort. [Revelation 2:7](#) states the faithful will have the right to eat of the tree of life.

Our disposition is final. One in torment will never have an opportunity to make their way to comfort. No one in comfort would ever want to move to torment. The Bible says this in [2 Corinthians 5:10](#), "For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body."

Sin is downright deadly. Life without Jesus is not a good life.





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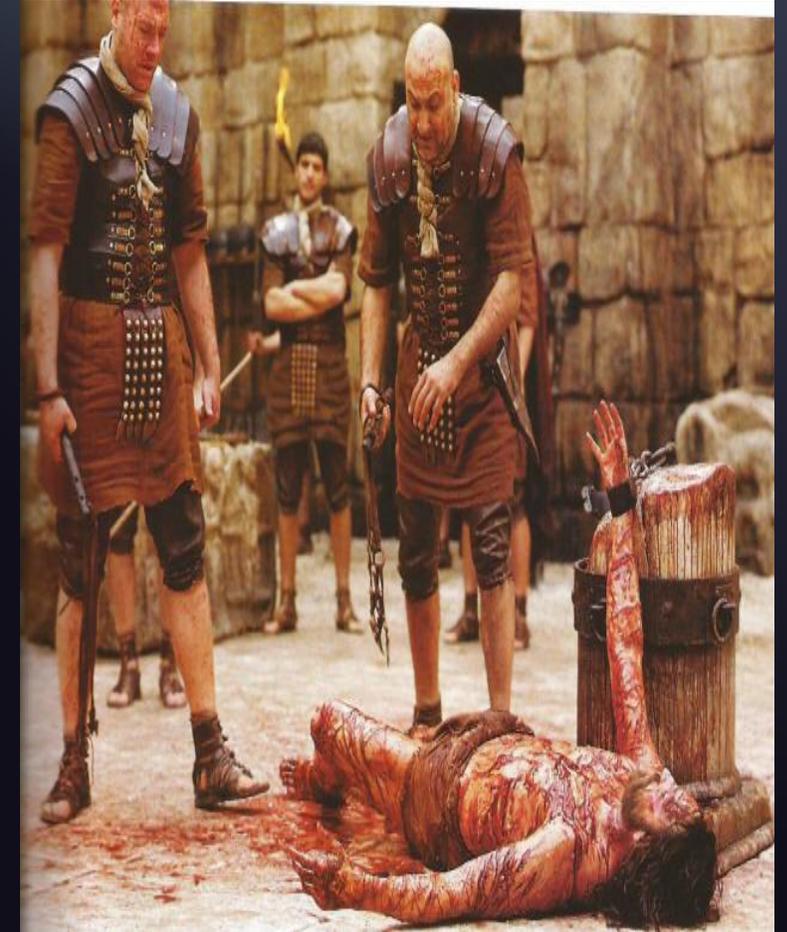
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While God has laws about sin and death, heaven and hell, He doesn't want anyone to go to hell (the final resting place of those in torment). Instead, He wants everyone to repent and come to know Jesus, [2 Peter 3:9](#).

We could say we're sorry to God, like, apologize, but apologies won't work; this won't do by God's laws (we're not little kids saying, "I'm sorry," hoping all our misdeeds will be forgiven).

Or we could change to be excellent people, but that won't work either. We can't be with God in heaven because we're good people doing good deeds. This won't do away with our sins. Besides, God owes us nothing, and what good could we possibly do that pays for our sins?

We need a Savior – or it's hell for us. Only Jesus will do as a Savior. He is uniquely qualified to be so. No one else can be our savior; [Acts 4:12](#), no one. No human could do this. No one. Get the idea?

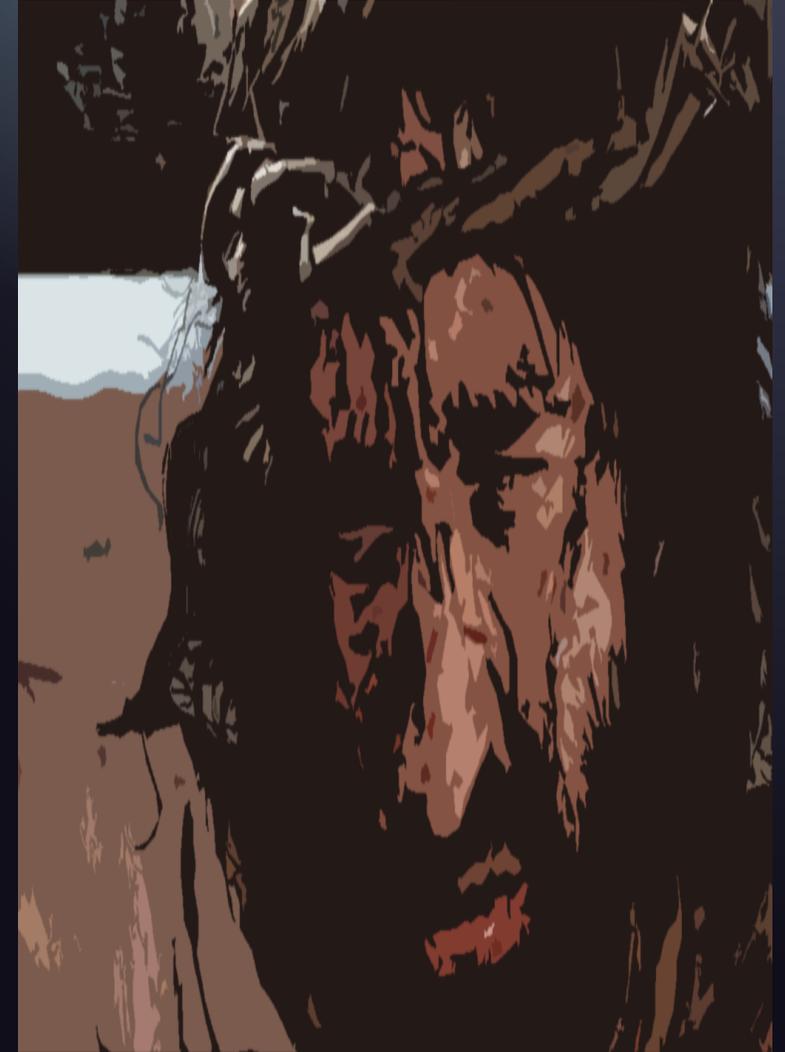


# What Jesus did – for everyone for all time.

“What’s so special about Jesus,” one may ask? Consider this: Jesus is holy, and there is no darkness in Him, no sin, no impurity. He is an entirely perfect human (but also God at the same time). There is none like Him. Jehovah created everyone and everything through Jesus, [John 1:3](#). So, we know God designed us, and Jesus made us. The universe belongs to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

So, being holy, God requires holiness. Otherwise, we can’t be with Him. Well, sin is our death penalty, “The wages of sin is death,” [Romans 6:23](#), which means hell and eternal separation from God. That’s God’s law on the matter.

“How do we get rid of our sins?” According to God, we need a sacrifice, a perfect sacrifice. God says in [Hebrews 9:22](#), “And without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness.” So, Jesus has to be the sacrifice on our behalf, and He has to be perfect (and He is)!



# What Jesus did – for everyone for all time.

What's being communicated is this: we sin, we die; there's no way to remove sin unless we have a perfect sacrifice. Ever heard of *John 3:16*? Here it is, *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* So, Jesus is our perfect sacrifice to remove our sin. "What's so perfect about Jesus?" See the following.

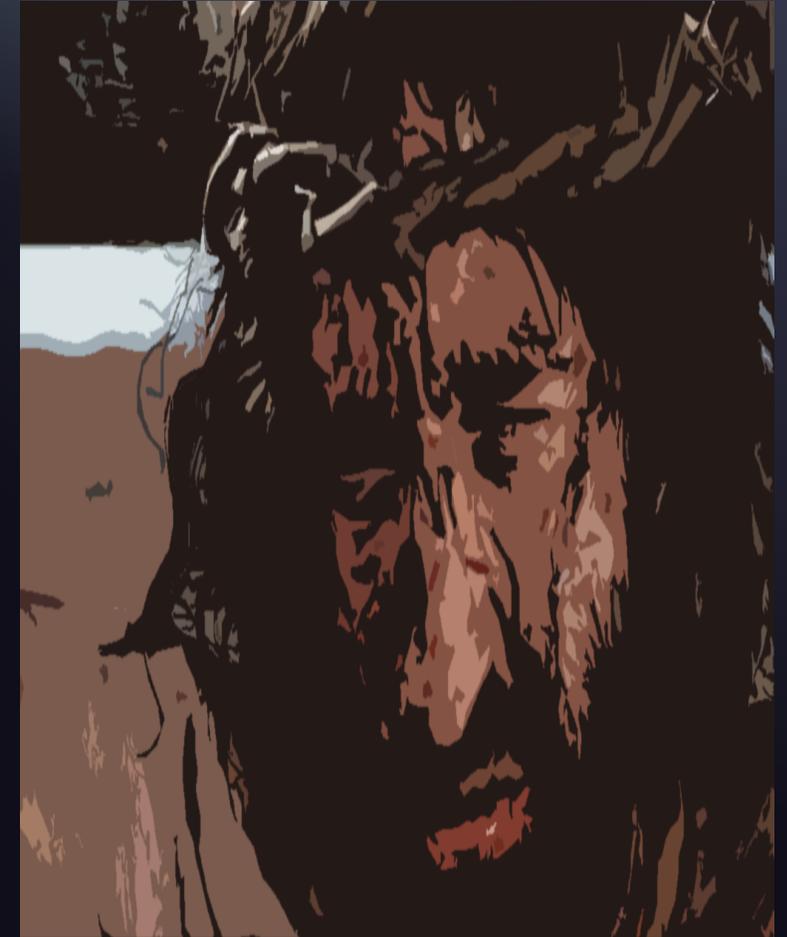
- Jesus came from heaven.
- Jesus is Deity who took on man's flesh.
- Jesus performed miracles – things no human could do.
- Jesus performed signs and wonders – miracles that astounded.
- Jesus was born of a virgin.
- Jesus taught a perfect way of life.
- Jesus never sinned, never, not once – He was, after all, God.
- Jesus always did and said what the Father wanted.



# What Jesus did – for everyone for all time.

What else about the perfect Jesus?

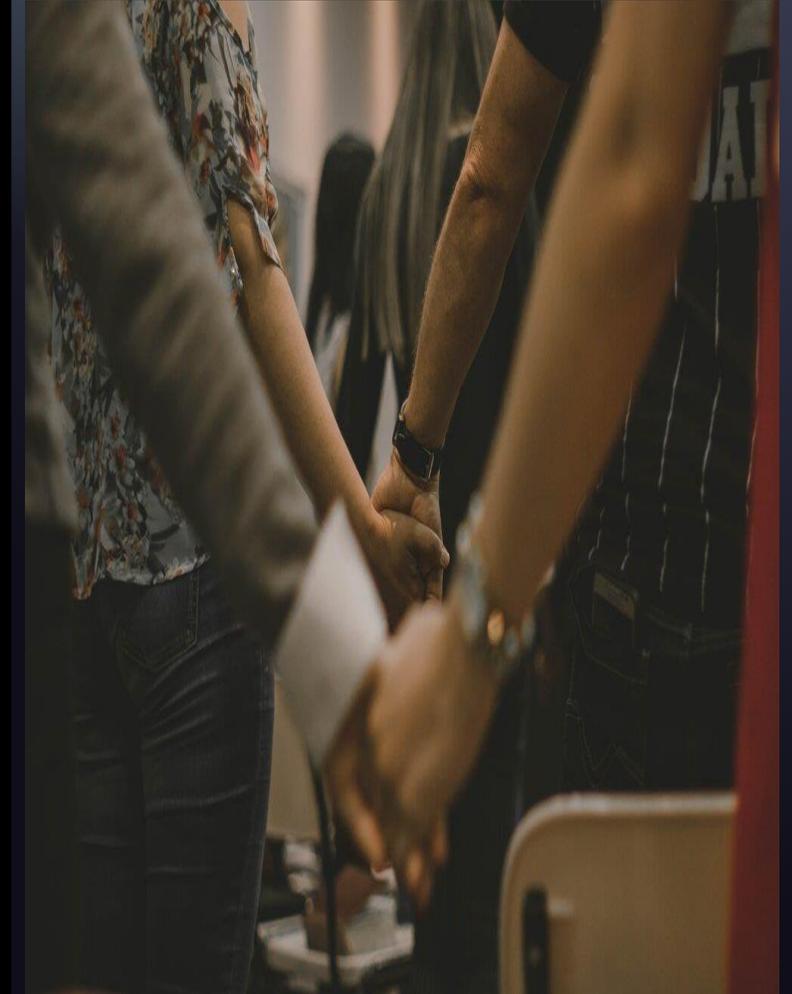
- Jesus saw humanity's weakness and helped us.
- Jesus, as God, *submitted to God*.
- Jesus willingly went through several illegal trials.
- Jesus was slapped, spit on, cursed, mocked, and scourged.
- Jesus was led away to be crucified but never said a word because He was the blood sacrifice needed to offer salvation.
- Jesus was crucified on a Roman cross (one of the most horrible ways of death invented).
- Jesus, by His death, removed the barrier between God and man. Thus, a saved man may visit with God anytime, anywhere.
- Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies by His cross.
- Jesus died, and his body was washed and wrapped in cloth.
- He was buried in a rock tomb with an enormous rock door over the opening.
- Jesus overcame death, being resurrected to life.
- Jesus fulfilled prophecy being raised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, as He said.



# What Jesus did – for everyone for all time.

Can I say more? What does He do now?

- Jesus created His church and only His church more than 2,000 years ago.
- Jesus mediates between God and us.
- Jesus is our advocate before the Father. He pleads for us.
- Jesus loves us.
- Jesus is our “high priest,” offering one perfect sacrifice for sin for all time.
- People are Jesus’ family after their sins are washed away.
- Through Jesus, people are God’s children.
- Jesus overcame death so that we might not fear it.
- Jesus defeated the devil.
- Jesus is now in heaven reigning over heaven and earth.



# What Jesus did – for everyone for all time.

What else? What will Jesus do?

- Jesus will one day appear in the sky. There will be a resurrection of all souls. After this, there will be a judgment. All the evil persons will be sentenced to hell, and the saved will live forever in a place so beautiful we can't imagine it, heaven.
- Jesus offers a way for our sins to be forgiven.
- Jesus is always with His brethren.
- Jesus will judge the nations rightly and fairly; there is no respecting one person above another.



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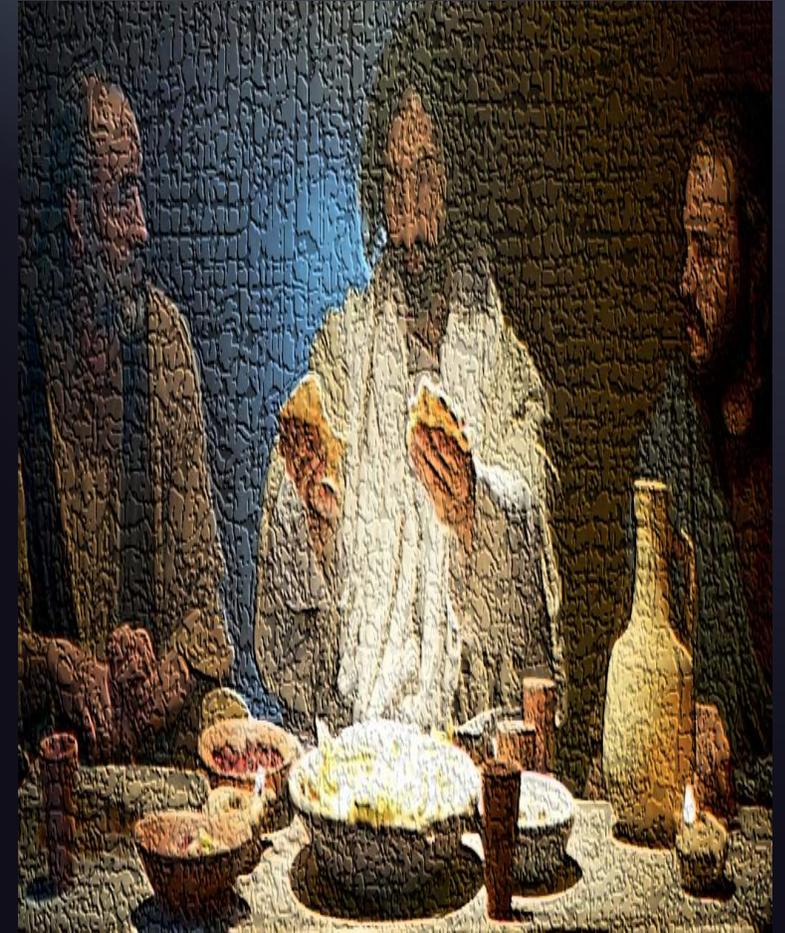
Something to know, something to remember:

**Mat 26:26** *As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body."*

**Mat 26:27** *And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it,*

*Mat 26:28* *for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.*

**Mat 26:29** *Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."*



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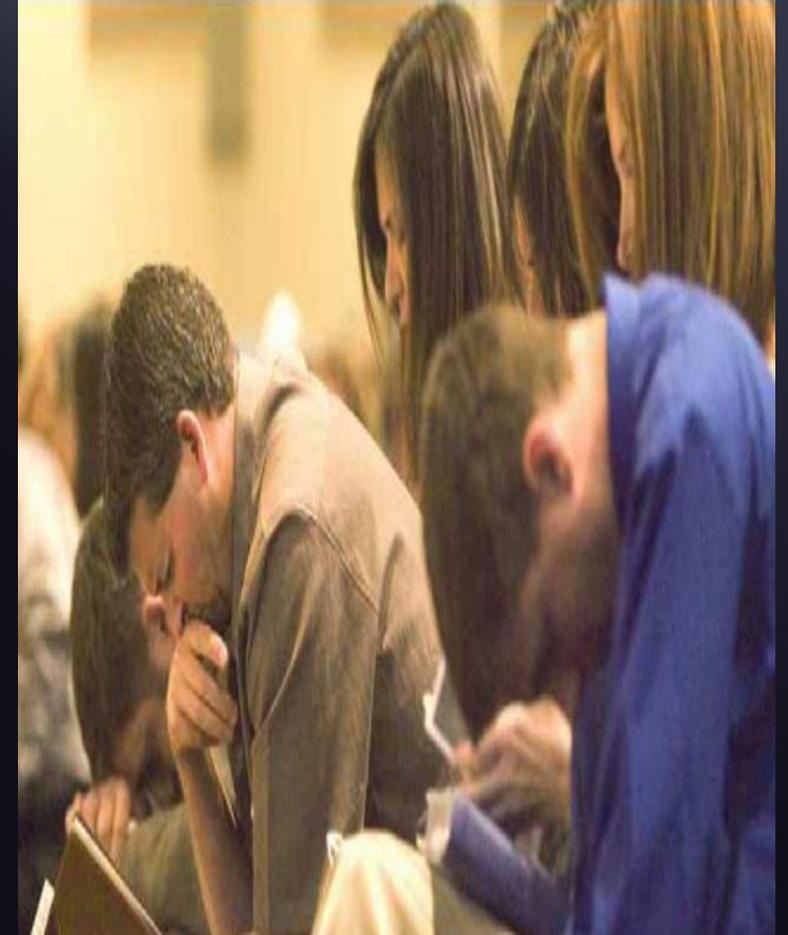
God required the blood sacrifice of a perfect being. Only Jesus could have done that.

**Heb 10:10** For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

**Heb 10:11** Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.

**Heb 10:12** But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.

By this, everyone may come to Him for salvation.





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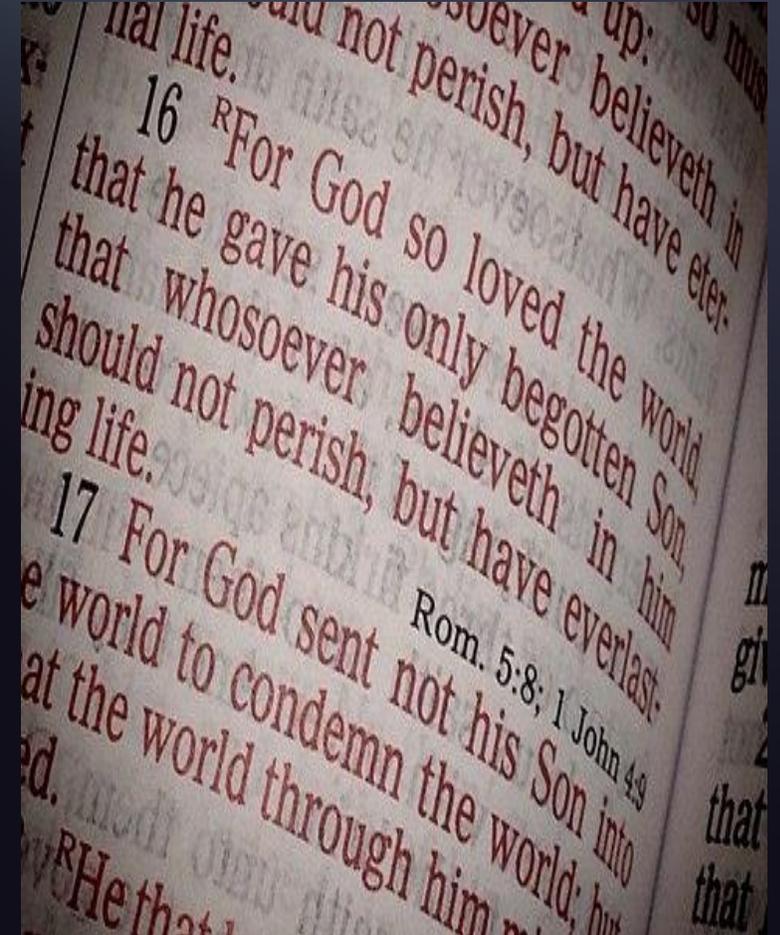
In the Bible, good means pleasant, enjoyable, happy, agreeable, excellent, upright, and honorable. Jesus is all these things. Here's [Matthew 10:17-18](#) - "As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

[Matthew 10:18](#) And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone."

If Jesus is good, then He is God. You see, God died for our sins. Jesus is better than good. He is God's grace to salvation.

Jesus said this: [John 6:44](#), For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up.

[John 6:45](#) As it is written in the Scriptures, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.



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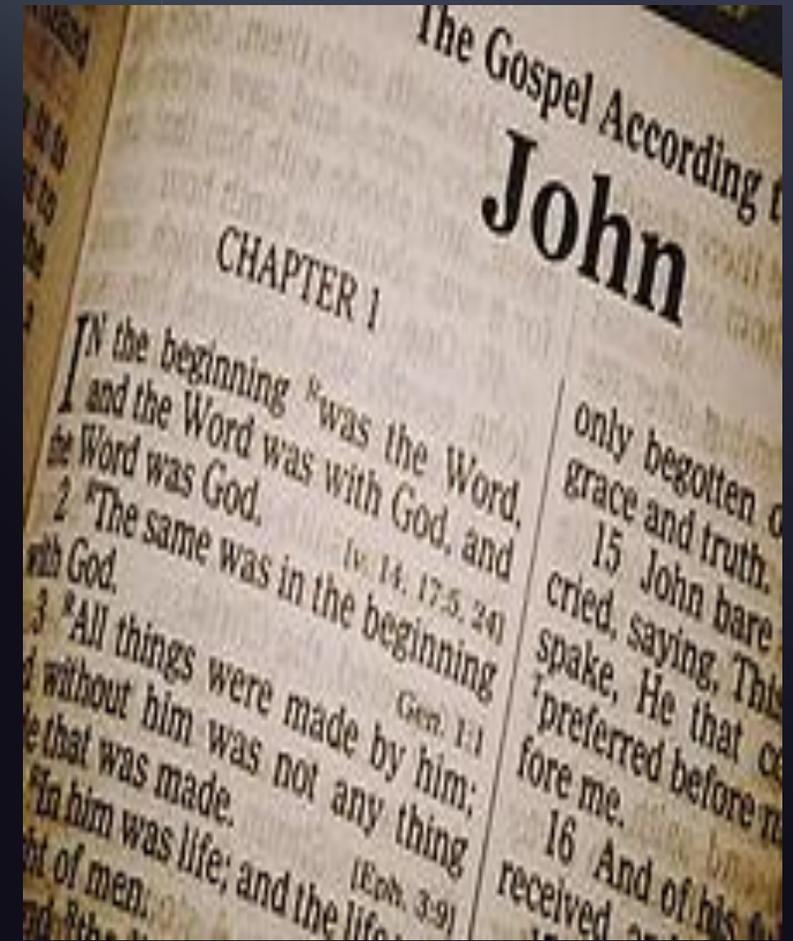
How then are we drawn to Jesus? God does that by teaching us. If we hear what the Father says about Jesus and salvation, we understand Jesus' goodness and we are drawn to that. What then can we say about His goodness?

**John 6:35** He is the bread of life – He is our spiritual sustenance. We are kept spiritually alive by Him.

**John 8:12** He is the light of the world. We can clearly see our path to heaven through Jesus.

**John 10:10** He is the door to heaven. Only through Jesus can we come to salvation.

**John 10:11** He is the good Shepherd who lays down His life for those who follow Him.



# You see, Jesus is good.

**John 11:25-26** He is the resurrection. Jesus promises all who belong to Him a resurrection of eternal life.

**John 14:6** He is the way, the truth and the life. Want heaven? It's ours if walk in the way of true life. There just isn't any other way to heaven but through Jesus.

**John 15:5** He is the vine; if one remains in Him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Jesus, we can do nothing. Bearing fruit brings much glory to God.

We can certainly say that Jesus left His glory in heaven to come to earth so that we might have forgiveness of our sins. God, came to earth as a human, lived perfectly (as only God does), and willingly died for our salvation.



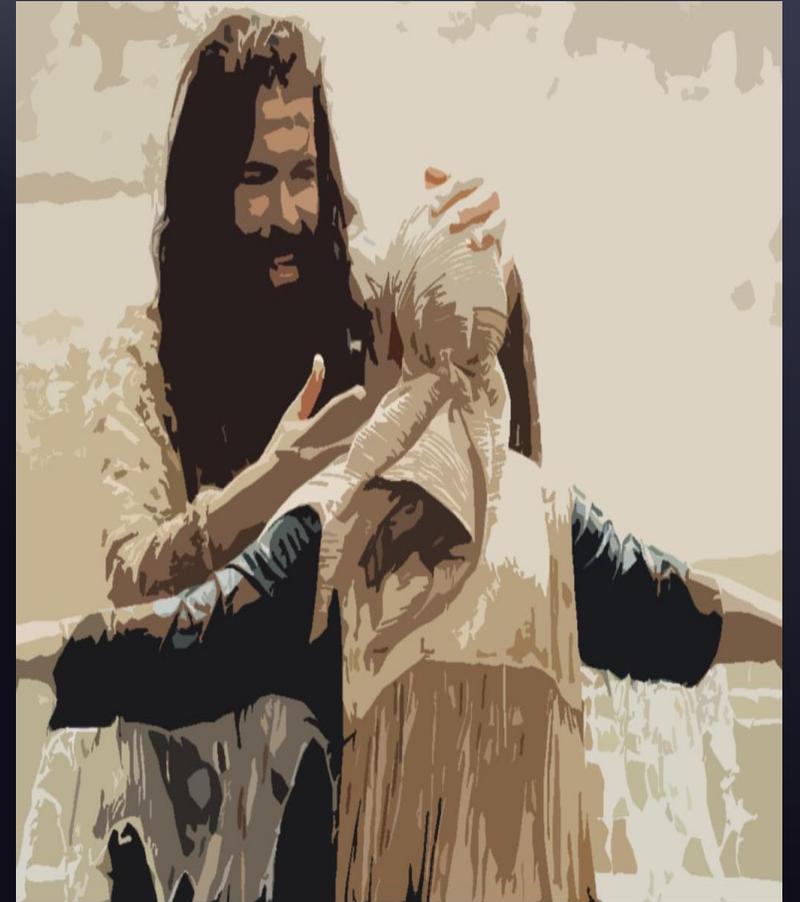
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We can also say that Jesus felt compassion for people while on earth. Time and again, He raised the dead, healed the sick, cast out demons, and lamented over the lost sheep of Israel. Jesus cared for people and His creation and about you and me. He did everything God could do to bring us home. Jesus is good.

Finally, Jesus invited everyone to come to Him, saying, "Come to Me," "Abide in Me," "Follow Me," and "Whoever comes to Me, I will not cast out. These statements are in [Matthew 11:28](#), [John 15:4](#), [John 10:27](#), and [John 6:37](#).

Jesus taught hope and peace. He gave us a godly example of righteous living. He changes our lives, leads us to withstand life's storms, and move forward on our journey home.

Does not this plentiful evidence show how good Jesus is?



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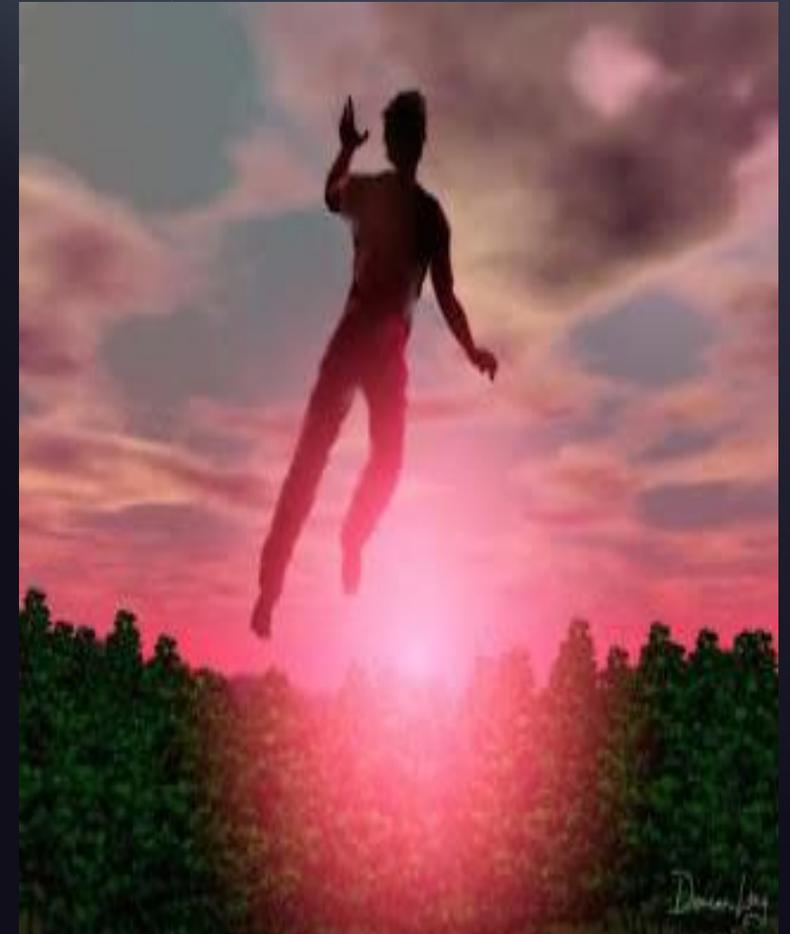


# What's In Store – Our Future is Completely Linked To Jesus.

Well, one day in the future (we don't know when), Jesus will return, and when he does, there will be a resurrection of the evil and the resurrection of the saved. Those are the only two choices. There is no such thing as purgatory, and there's no such thing as a time in limbo to get better at living.

You can imagine that if there's a group headed to hell and a group led to heaven, there will be a judgment. [Acts 17:31](#) has this: "For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

God has declared a judgment day. It will be a time of justice for all. The evil will be eternally punished, and the saved will be forever blessed.



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Jesus is shown to be the judge in the Bible, [Acts 17:31](#). Inescapable. God proved this so by raising Him from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is the bedrock of Christianity. No resurrection. No Christianity.

It's all straightforward. If one wants to go to hell (nobody in their right minds would choose this), he could choose to be evil. I don't have to list the evil – there's plenty out there for all to see and experience. Secondly, you don't have to do anything. Just keep on living, and you'll go to hell even if you're a good person.

Good people go to hell because they do not choose to follow Jesus. And, frankly, many "Christians" follow a false Christianity by practicing things, not in the Bible. And then, some folks practice false religion by adding their doctrine of men to the Bible.



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Do you know what Paul once said? Here it is, from [Galatians 1:6-9](#) – “I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News

[Galatians 1:7](#) but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ.

[Galatians 1:8](#) Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you.

[Galatians 1:9](#) I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed.”

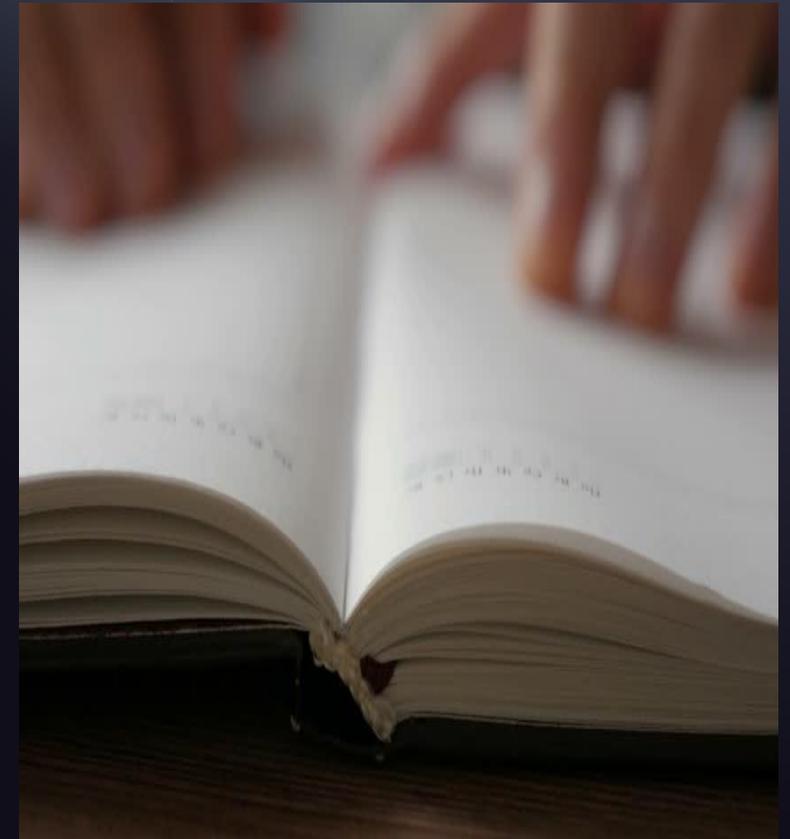


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Now, an apostle of Jesus Christ said that, and he got his information from the Holy Spirit. I wonder just how bad it is to be cursed by God. I think that's terribly frightening for all those folks.

So, what is God's plan for salvation? This is for those who want to go to heaven (and certainly avoid hell).

God says you need faith. And this isn't some weird faith obtained by strange things or people. Genuine faith is a persuasion of the mind. You look at Bible evidence and see that Jesus really is who He says He is, and you build trust He will deliver on His promise of heaven. [Romans 10:17](#) states the only way to come to faith is to hear (understand) God's word.



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That makes sense because God wants you to trust Him for salvation. His word on the subject is objective truth.

But it's not faith only as so many falsely believe. Salvation is conditional – of course, it is. You can follow His plan or not and that's certainly a condition.

What are the conditions?

Well, by [Luke 13:3](#), everyone has to repent of their sins. That means turning away from the bad stuff to doing godly, Bible stuff. If we don't repent, Jesus says we'll all go to hell. Remember. He is the judge.



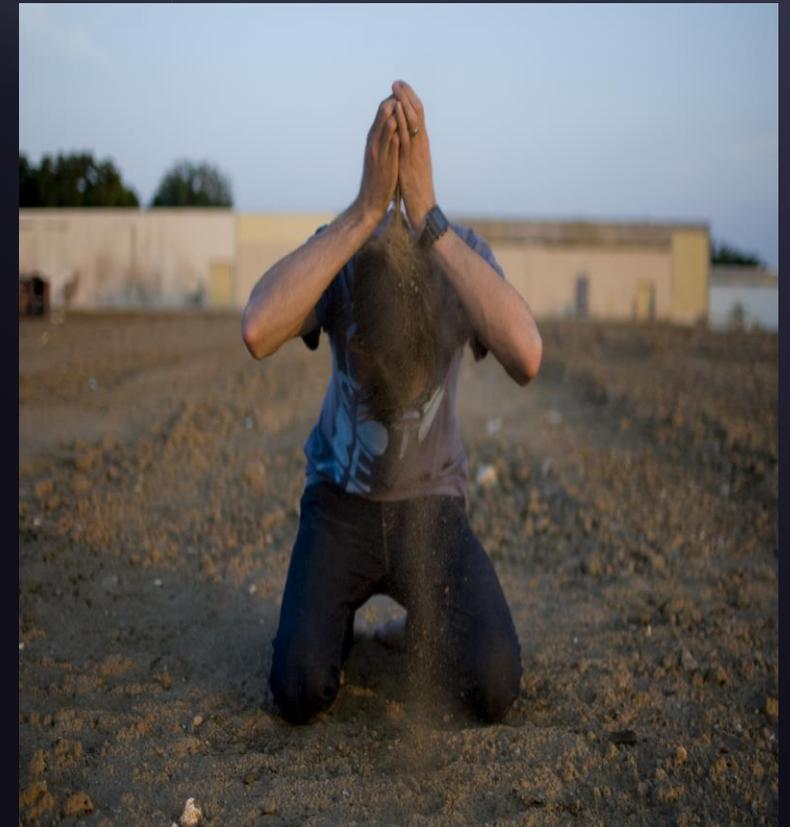
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Repentance makes sense. Without it, we'd keep on doing sin, and that means hell.

After that, we need to publicly confess Jesus is the Christ. It's in the Bible at [Matthew 10:32-33](#). You can also check out [Romans 10:9-10](#). We get this. We have to make this statement because you agree that Jesus is the Christ and the only way to show that is by your confession.

The next item get's really sticky for lots of people but I'm only going to give you what Jesus and His apostles said.

[Matthew 28:19-20](#) - "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Mat 28:20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.



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**Matthew 28:20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**Mark 16:15-16** And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned."

**Acts 2:38** Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."



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Well, there's **Acts 8:12** "But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized."

**Acts 10:47-48** "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.

**Acts 16:15** She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests.



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**Acts 16:32-33** "And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized."

**Acts 8:36, 38** "As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him."

**Acts 22:16** "What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord."



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1 Peter 3:21 "Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, NASB."



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Now, if someone were to ask you, "Is baptism necessary for salvation," what would be your reply?

A plethora of evidence exists for baptism to wash away sins. It's necessary. Jesus said so, and He's the judge.

Your future, my future, and all people on earth are entirely linked to Jesus. He is our Savior. He is ultimately our judge.

I want to go to heaven. Don't you?



# Finishing Up Stuff

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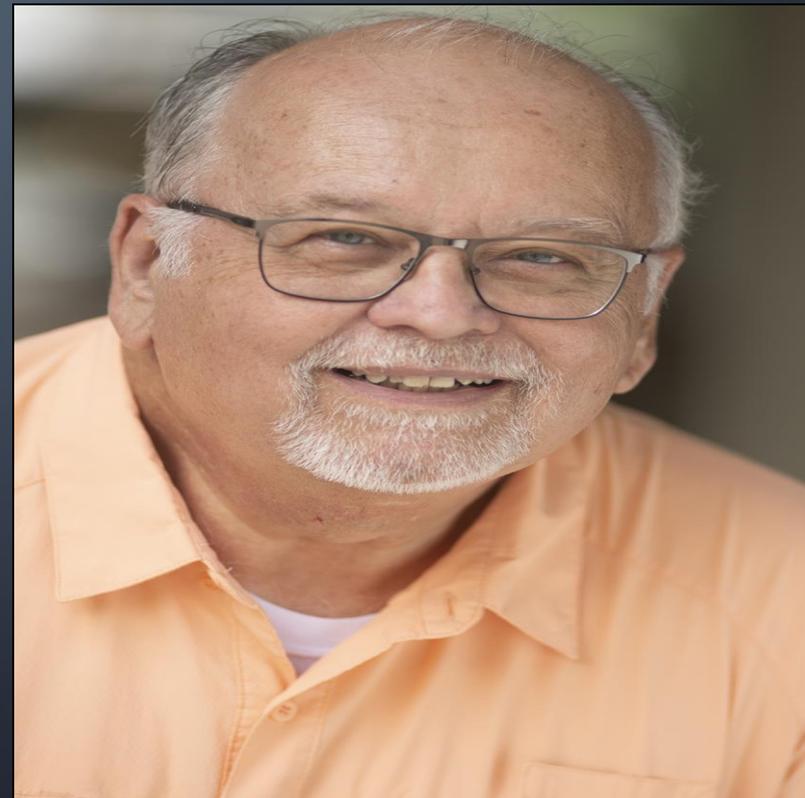
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If you're in the area, we'd love to  
have you.

Sundays 9:30 Bible Class

10:30 Worship

Wednesdays 7:00 Bible Class