

SEEING
THE BIG
PICTURE

Looking at the Bible Message from Beginning to End

The Amazing 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

וּקְשָׁרְתֶם לְאוֹת
עֵינֵיכֶם: וּכְתַבְתֶּם

ARAMAIC

יְצוּה לך לְשִׁמְרֵךְ בְּכָל
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GREEK

ΚΑΙ ΔΟΘΗΤΩΣ ΜΟΥ
ΜΑΚΑΡΙΗ ΔΟΙΡΗ
ΕΠΙ ΜΕΛΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΓΥΝΗ
ΗΛΑΝΑΡΕΧΗ ΤΩ ΒΑΣΙ
ΛΕΙΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣΕΙΑΝ



40 Authors...
1500 Years...
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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



How can we be certain?
Where would we start?

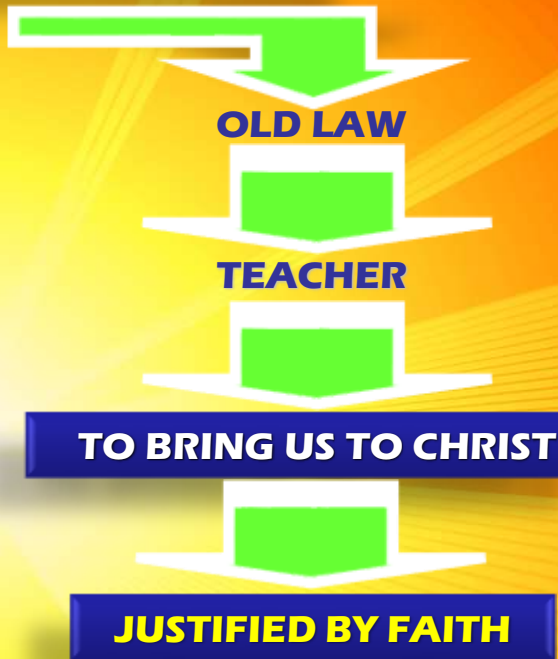
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Galatians 3:24

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)



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.

FREE WILL



GOD IS HOLY

Psalms 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

“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

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



GOD

God exhibits an attitude of abhorrence
and hatred to all that is wrong

*"You are of purer eyes than to behold evil,
and cannot look upon wickedness."* Hab. 1:13

Sin Separates us from God

*"Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and
your sins have hidden his face from you."* Is. 59:2





The **PENALTY** for 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

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

Romans 3:23



A **CONSEQUENCE** of Sin

**MORTAL
Death**



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

Genesis 3:19

The **PENALTY** for Sin

**SPIRITUAL
Death**



*Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and
your sins have hidden his face from you."*

Isaiah. 59:2

The **PRICE** to pay for Sin



LIFE
(JUDICIAL Death)



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

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 by a just God! 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)

MERCY

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

LIFE!

DEATH!



MERCY

BLOOD

Atonement

A wooden boat is shown from a side-rear perspective, floating on a dark, choppy sea. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from a low sun, creating a hazy atmosphere. Several birds are seen in flight against the sky. The boat's hull is made of horizontal wooden planks, and its roof is also visible.

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

“A ransom paid - the life of the sacrificial animal, specifically symbolized by its' blood, was required **in exchange for** the life of the worshipper.”

Theological Workbook of the Old Testament

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



SANCTIFICATION

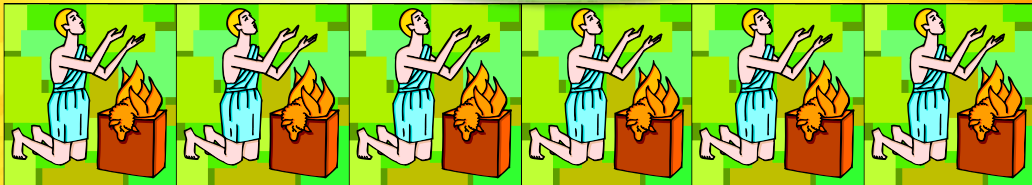


RECONCILIATION

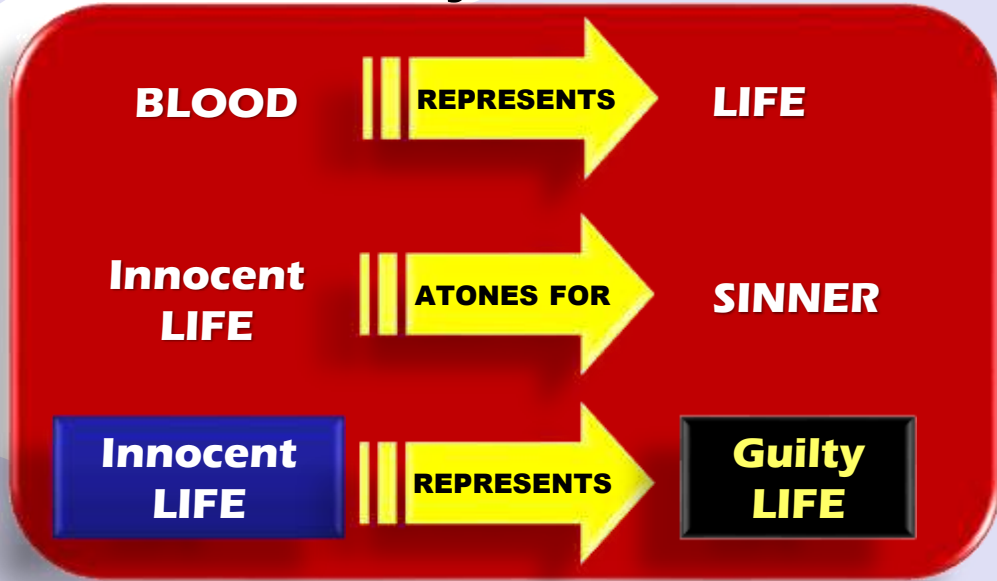
Atonement

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



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



GOD

BLOOD ATONEMENT
(Judicial Death)

PRODUCES

SANCTIFICATION
(Sins Removed – Made Holy)

RESULTS IN

JUSTIFICATION
(Penalty Removed)

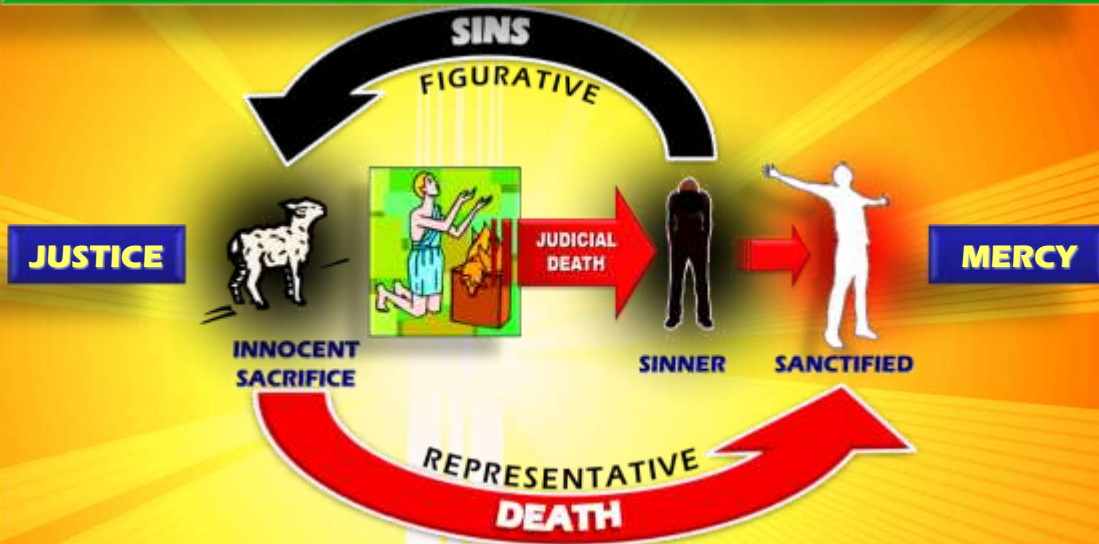
RESULTS IN

RECONCILIATION
(Spiritual Relationship with
a Holy God Restored)



Animal Sacrifice

JUSTIFICATION (Price Paid – Penalty Removed)



RECONCILIATION (Relationship Restored)

What Made Animal Sacrifice Work?

Superstition? Ritual? Tradition? Blood Lust?



FAITH!

By Faith...

Hebrews 11

ROM. 10:17

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

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!**

What is Saving Faith?

**WORKS
ALONE**
(Obedience)

HEBREWS 11

**BELIEF
ALONE**
(Heart)

Action, Based upon Belief
(Obedience - From the Heart)

“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?
Can such faith save him?”

James 2:14

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!

The OT "Teacher"

SIN

HOLINESS

SACRIFICE

FAITH

MERCY

GRACE

JUSTICE

ATONEMENT

TEACHER

Gal 3:24

RECONCILIATION

REDEMPTION

BLOOD

SANCTIFICATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEATH

“Behold the

LAMB OF GOD

that takes away the sin of the world”

No accidental death — Jesus did not fail to set up an earthly kingdom.
The purpose of a sacrifice is to die! (Hebrews 10:10; Matthew 20:28)

An innocent sacrifice — Jesus never sinned in order to qualify Himself to be a sacrifice, the Lamb of God. (1 John 3:5)

Removes sin — “without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin.” (Heb. 9:22; Matthew 26:28)



Isaiah 53 – 750 years before Christ!

- 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.*
- 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; *If He would render Himself as a guilt offering,*
- 11 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.

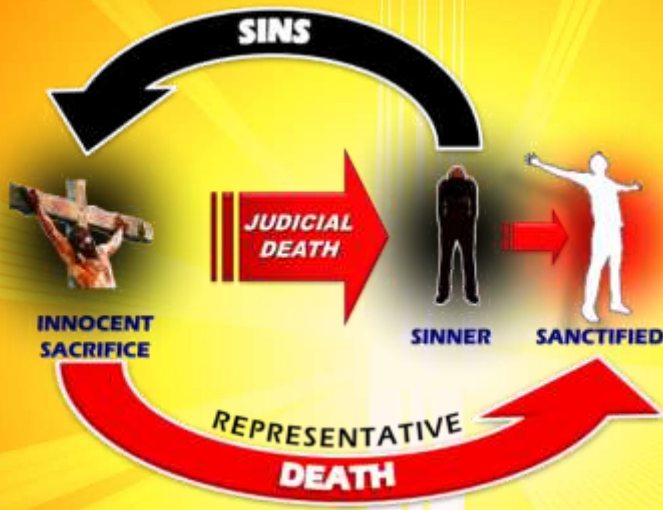


He would pay our price

He would be a sin offering

He would bear our sins

Christ's Sacrifice – A Judicial Death



1 Peter 2:24

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

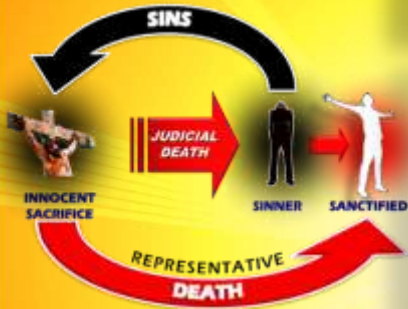
*that we might
die to sin.*

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

Christ's Sacrifice

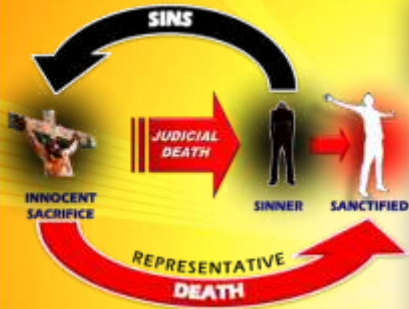
Redemption

1 Pet 1:18-19



“knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of **a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.**”

Christ's Sacrifice

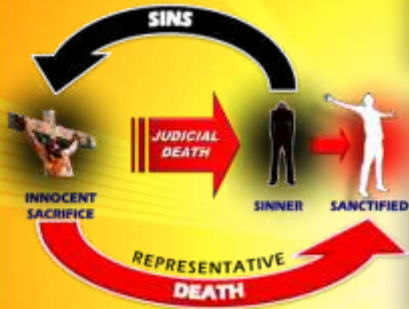


OT Fulfillment

Mt 5:17

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

Christ's Sacrifice

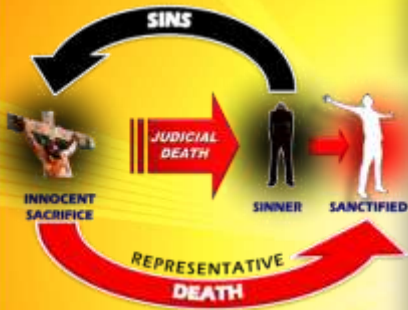


Sin Bearer

2 Cor. 5:21

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Christ's Sacrifice

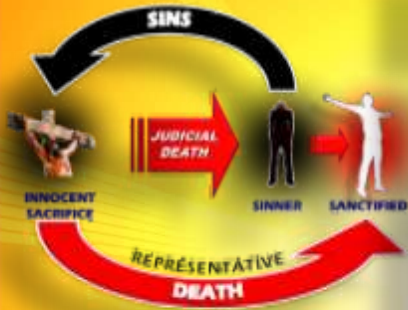


Removes Sin

Romans 6:6

“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;”

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”

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!



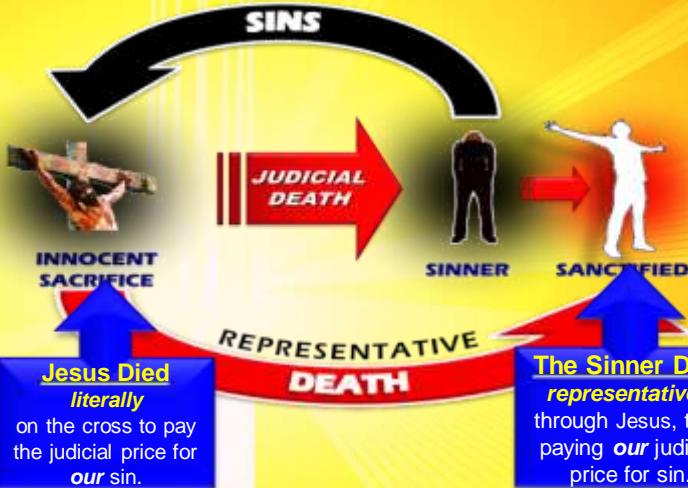
Christ's Sacrifice – Who Died?

1 Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin.

The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Romans 6:10



In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Romans 6:11

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

The Death of the Believer

*"It is a trustworthy statement: For **if we died with Him**, we will also live with Him;"*

2 Timothy 2:11



**Christ's death
represents the death
of the believer!**



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"*

Galations 2:20



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represents the death
of the believer!**



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

The Death of the Believer

*For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all,
therefore all died"*

2 Corinthians 5:14



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

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

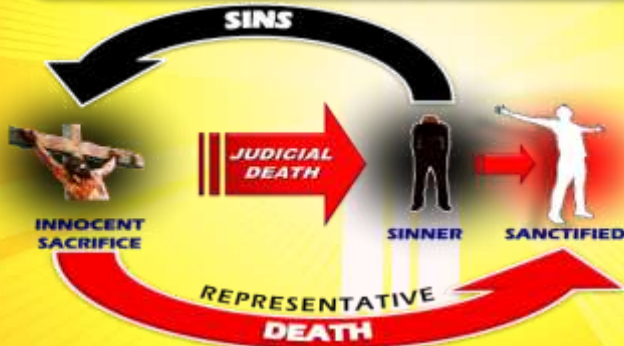
UNLESS:

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 questions!

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.



**United with
Christ's Death**



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

7 for he who has died is
freed* from sin
*(literally "acquitted")



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

**JUDICIAL
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

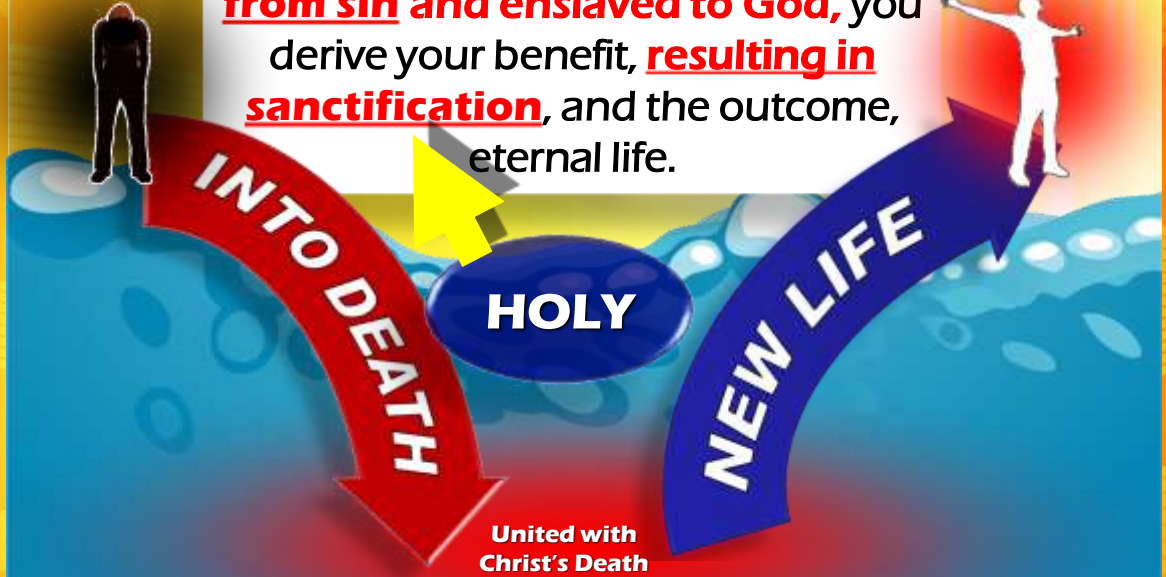


**United with
Christ's Death**

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,



22 But now **having been freed from sin and enslaved to God**, you derive your benefit, **resulting in sanctification**, and the outcome, eternal life.



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

GIFT

NEW LIFE



**United with
Christ's Death**



Spiritually Dead Man

Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13

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



**"New Creation"
"New Birth"**

2 Cor. 5:17; Jn. 3:5

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST
BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH

INTO DEATH

NEW LIFE

BURIED WITH CHRIST

(Through baptism
INTO His death)

Rom. 6:4

RECONCILIATION

(Relationship with a
holy God restored)

Col. 1:22; Rom. 5:10,11

**United with
Christ's Death –
Died *with* Christ**

Rom. 6:5,8; Gal. 2:20

JUSTIFICATION

(Penalty removed)

Gal. 3:24; Titus 3:7

SANCTIFICATION

(Sins removed – made Holy and righteous) | Cor. 6:11; Col. 1:22



The Eternal Plan



“For by one offering He has perfected **for all time** those who are sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:14)

“we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**” (Hebrews 10:10).

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, **an offering and a sacrifice to God** as a fragrant aroma.” (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Paul - A God fearing man. When was Paul Saved?

- **Believed** -
"What shall I do,..."
- **Confessed** -
"What shall I do, Lord?"
- **Obedied** -
"Get up and go into Damascus"
- **Fasted** -
"three days... and neither ate nor drank"
- **Prayed** -
"for he is praying" (a sinner's prayer)



Repentance

PLUS

Healed-

Miraculous healing of his blindness

Paul's Conversion

After Repenting for 3 Days

After all of these *acts of repentance* and *a miraculous healing* Paul had not **DIED WITH CHRIST** and was still in his sins!

He was then commended

"Now why do you delay? Get up and

be baptized, and wash away your sins,

calling on His name."

Acts 22:16

Early Church Teaching and Practice

Barnabas* (70 ad)

“Blessed are they who, placing their trust in the cross, have gone down in the water... We indeed descend into the water full of sins and defilement. However, we come up, bearing fruit in our heart, having the fear of God and the trust of Jesus in our spirit.”

The Epistle of Barnabas, Chapter 11, Roberts-Donaldson

* This epistle, while most likely not written by the well-known Barnabas of the New Testament, reflects an accurate picture of the early Christian belief and practice regarding baptism..

An Urgent and Important Command

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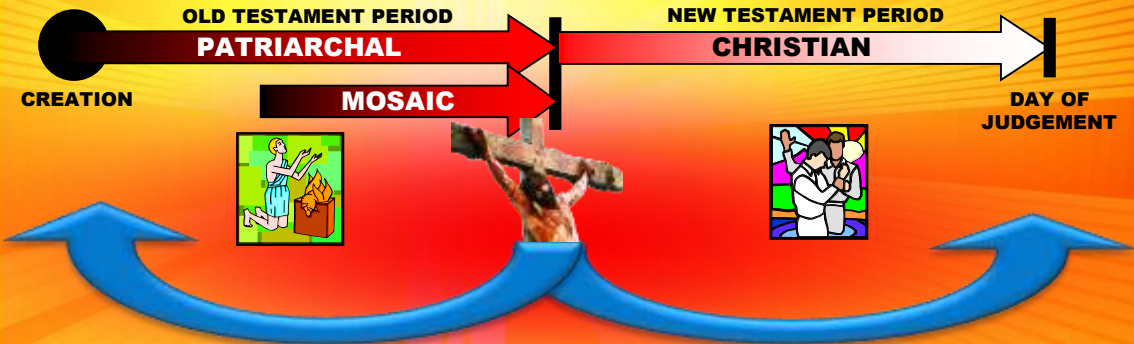
“Go into all the world and
preach the gospel to all creation.

He who believes **and** is
baptized shall be saved;

but he who has not believed
shall be condemned.”



Mark 16:15-16



“For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:14)

Do you want to die with Christ?



The Apostolic Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

*“Therefore go
and make
disciples of all
the nations”*

HOW?

***baptizing them** in the
name of the Father
and the Son and the
Holy Spirit,*

***teaching them** to
observe all that I
commanded you; and
*surely I am with you
always, even to the
end of the age.”**

The basis for following
Apostolic authority for all
work and worship
in the kingdom
(See also: John 14:25-26, 16:12-
13; Acts 1:1-2; 2 Pet 3:2)

What the Apostles Taught:

The testimony of the epistles



Gal. 3:22-27 **Justified by faith...How/When?**

Col. 2:1-12 **Raised up with Christ...How/When?**
Through what?

1 Pet. 3:21 **Baptism saves...How?**

Eph. 5:25-27 **Church is sanctified...How/When?**

Eph. 4:3-6 **Why is baptism on this list...**
How many baptisms are there?

What the Apostles Actually Practiced:

The power of actual historical examples



Acts 2:36-37 What should we do?



Acts 8:35-39 Preaching the gospel of Jesus



Acts 8:5-13 Preaching Christ in Samaria



Acts 9 & 22 The conversion of Saul