



**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

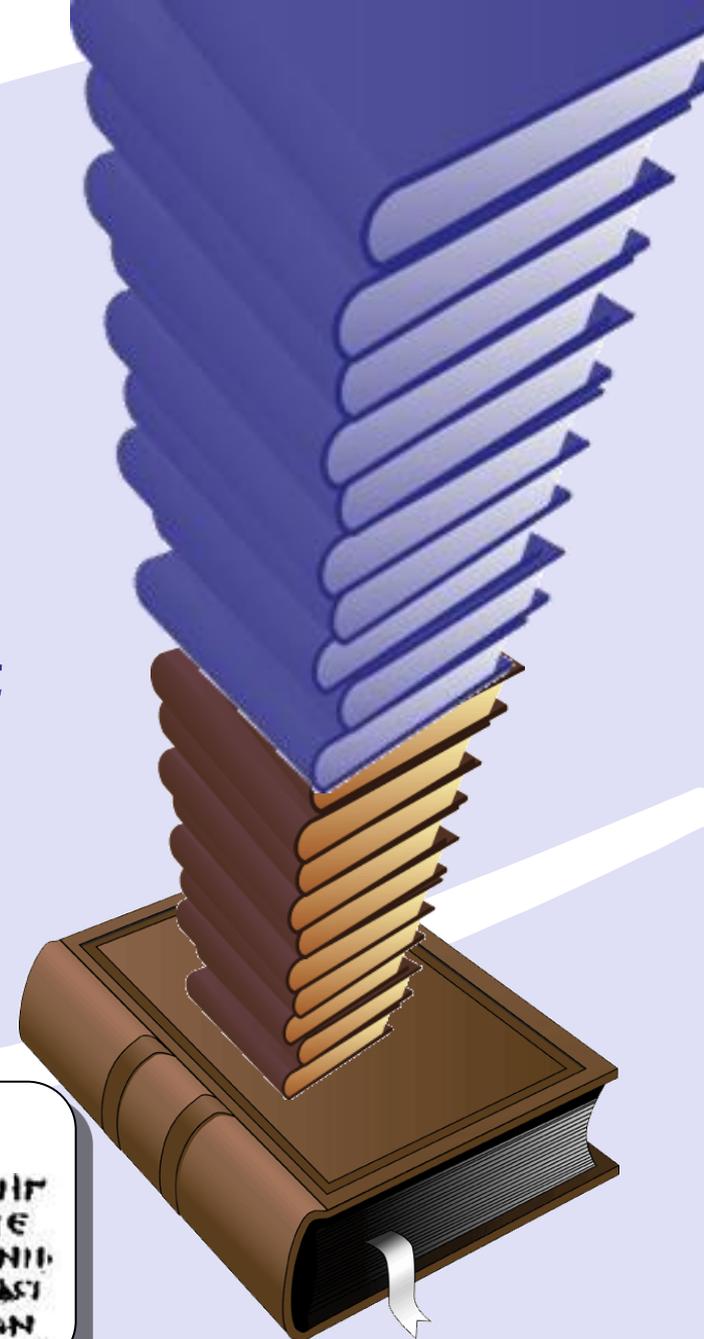
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עֵינֵיכֶם: וּכְתַבְתֶּם

## ARAMAIC

יְצוּה לך לשמרך בכל  
דאיהו מקסרג ליה

## GREEK

ΚΑΙ ΔΟΘΗΤΩΣ ΜΗΓ  
ΜΑΚΑΙ ΗΛΟΙ ΠΗ  
Η ΗΜΕΛΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΓΥΝΗ  
Η ΑΝΑΡΕΣΗ ΤΩ ΒΑΣΙ  
ΛΕΙ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣΕΙΑΝ



**40 Authors...**

**1500 Years...**

**66 Books...**

**3 Continents...**

**3 Languages...**

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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



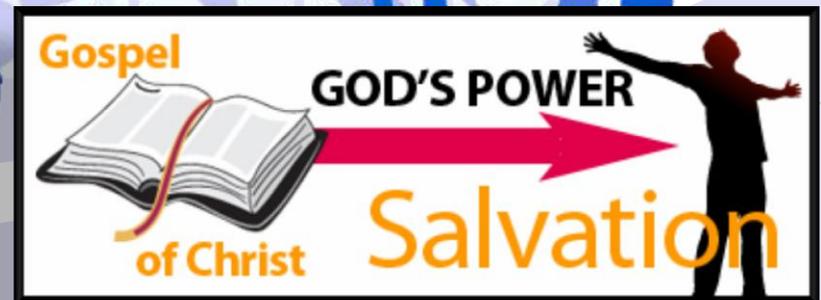
“I am not ashamed  
of **the gospel**  
for it is the  
power of God  
for salvation...”

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)

**If we miss the gospel it will not matter how religious we are!**



# The ONE Gospel



How can we 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.

**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

**Because God is Holy:**

**He Cannot Even Look upon Evil**

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

**Sin Separates us from Him**

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





**GOD**



**SPIRITUAL  
DEATH**



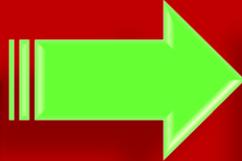
**“...for the wages of sin is death”**

**Romans 6:23**

**“you were dead in your trespasses and sins”**

**Eph 2:1**

# A **CONSEQUENCE** of Sin

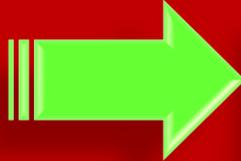


**MORTAL**

**‘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**

**"You were dead in your trespasses and sins....without God and without hope in the world"**

**Eph. 2:1, 13**

# The **PRICE** for SIN



**LIFE**

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

**Heb. 9:22**

# Three Deaths



## MORTAL (CONSEQUENCE)



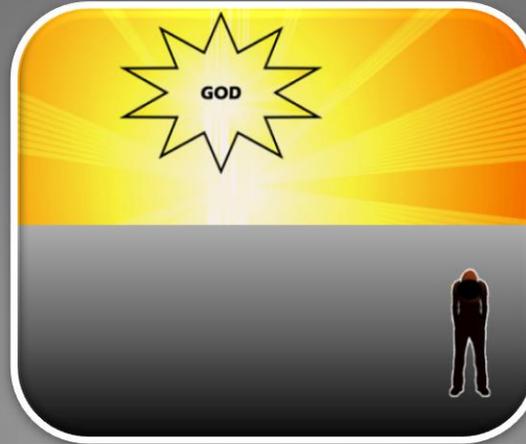
**Death of our  
bodies**

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

“for dust you are, and  
to the dust you shall  
return.”

**Genesis 3:19**

## SPIRITUAL (PENALTY)



**Separation  
From God**

**Result of  
individual sin**

“The wages of sin  
is death”

**Romans 6:23**

## JUDICIAL (PRICE)



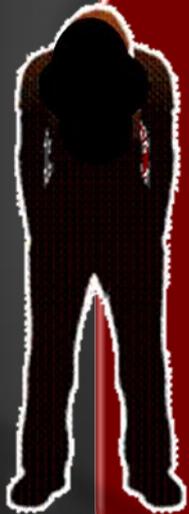
**Life payment  
for sin**

**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



**"...for all have  
sinned and fall  
short of the  
glory of God."  
Romans 3:23**



**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)

**LIFE!**

## **MERCY**

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

**DEATH!**

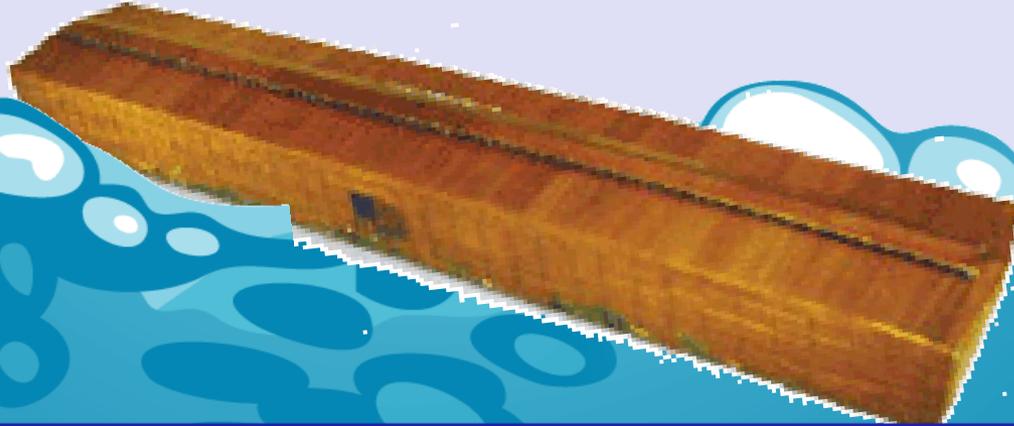


# MERCY

# BLOOD

# Atonement

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



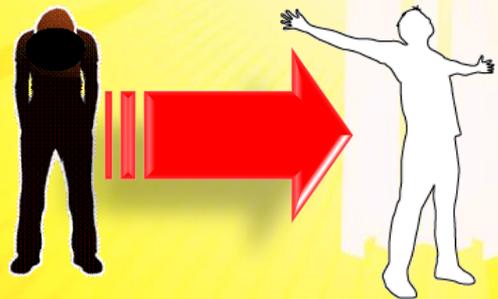
“A ransom paid - the life of the sacrificial animal, specifically symbolized by its’ blood, was required **in exchange for** the life of the worshipper.”

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**

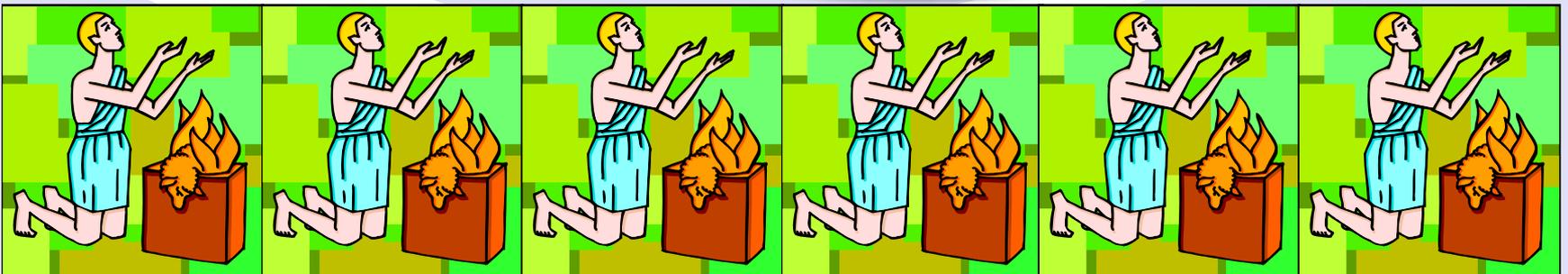


**RECONCILIATION**

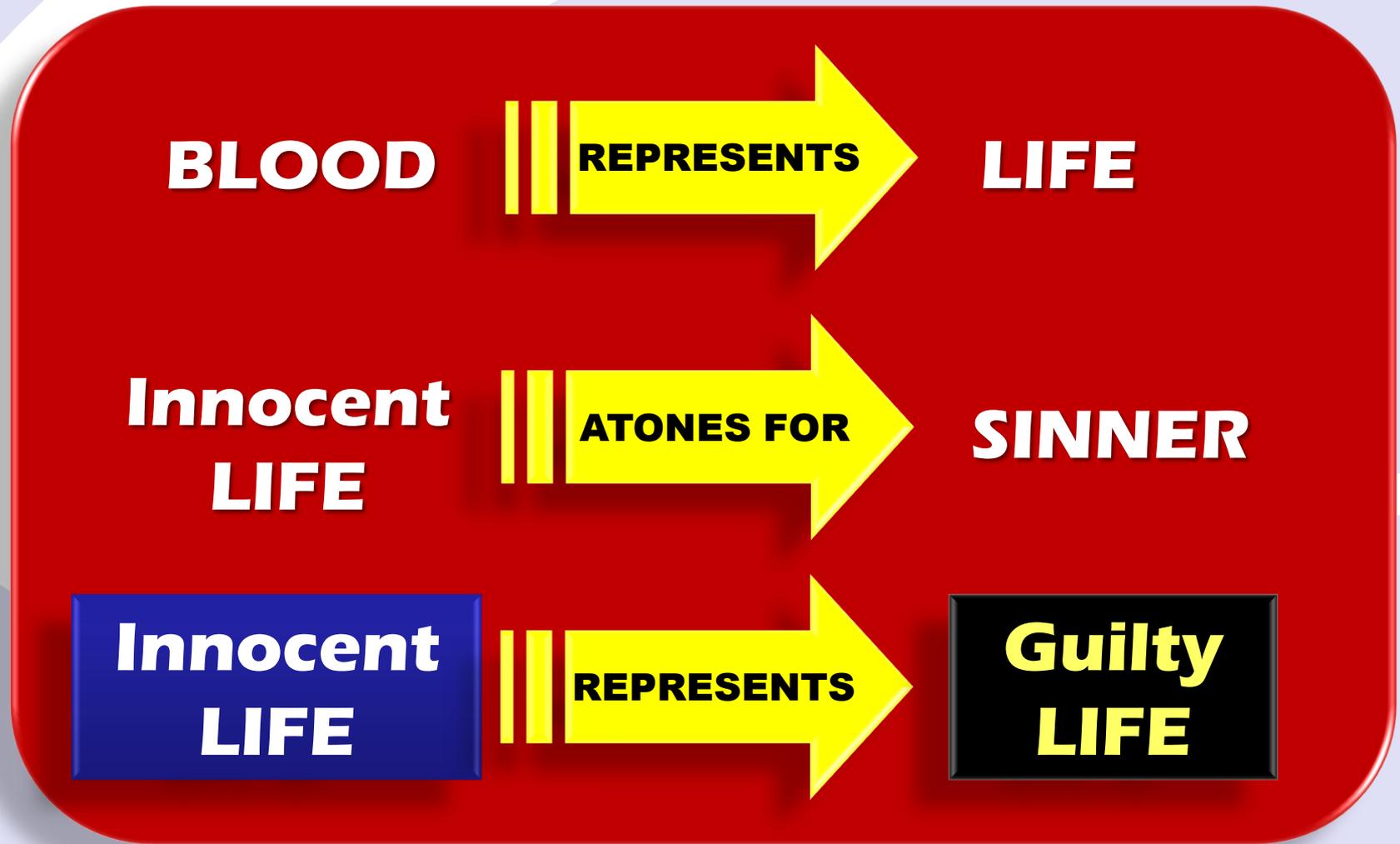
# Atonement

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**

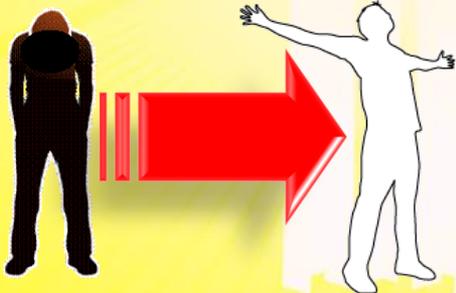
**SANCTIFICATION**  
(Sins Removed – Made Holy)

**RESULTS IN**

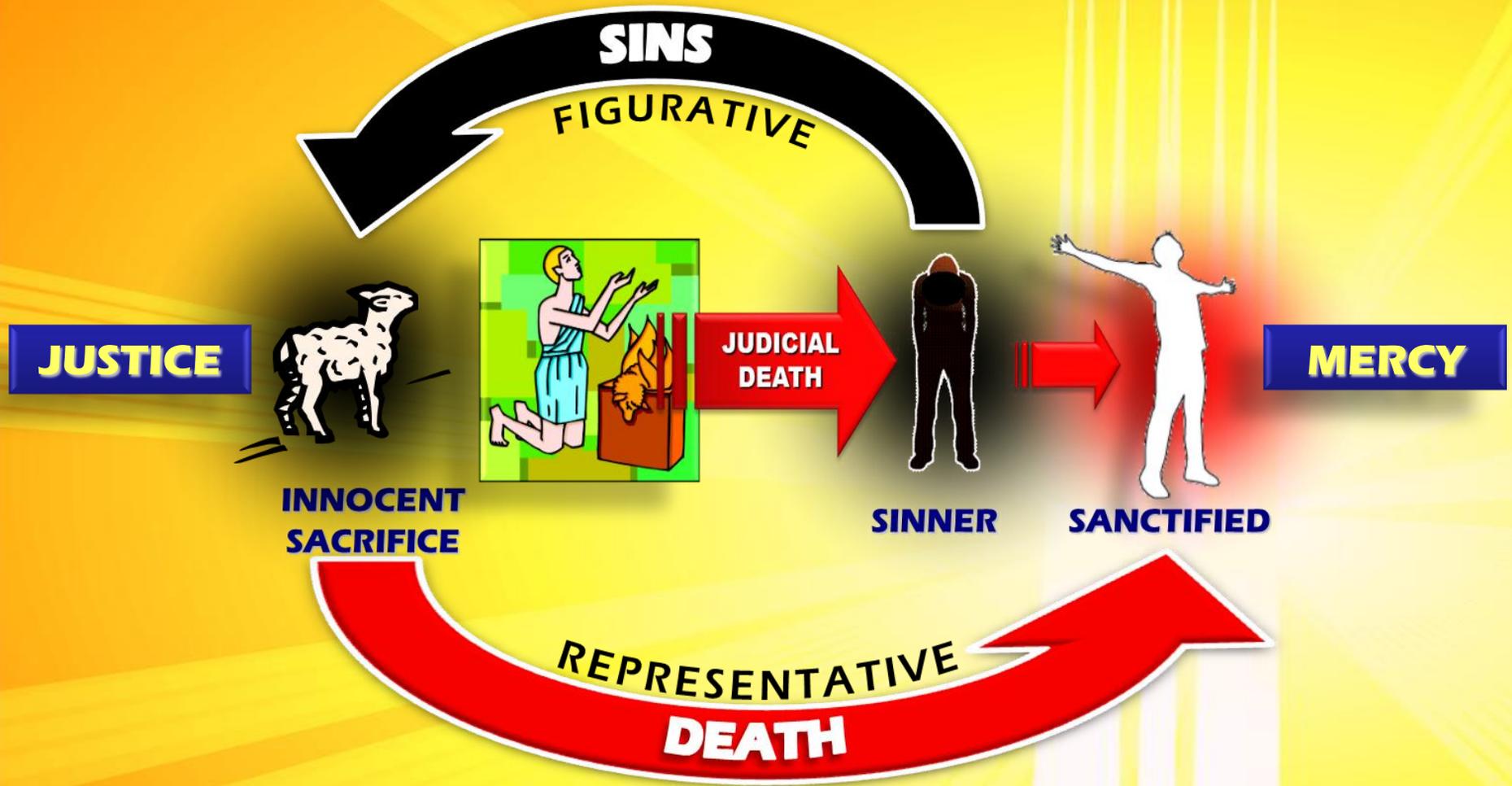
**JUSTIFICATION**  
(Price is Paid)

**RESULTS IN**

**RECONCILIATION**  
(Spiritual Relationship with a Holy God Restored)



# Animal Sacrifice



# 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**

**SACRIFICE**

**HOLINESS**

**GRACE**

**FAITH**

**ATONEMENT**

**JUSTICE**

**TEACHER**

**MERCY**

Gal 3:24

**REDEMPTION**

**RECONCILIATION**

**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)

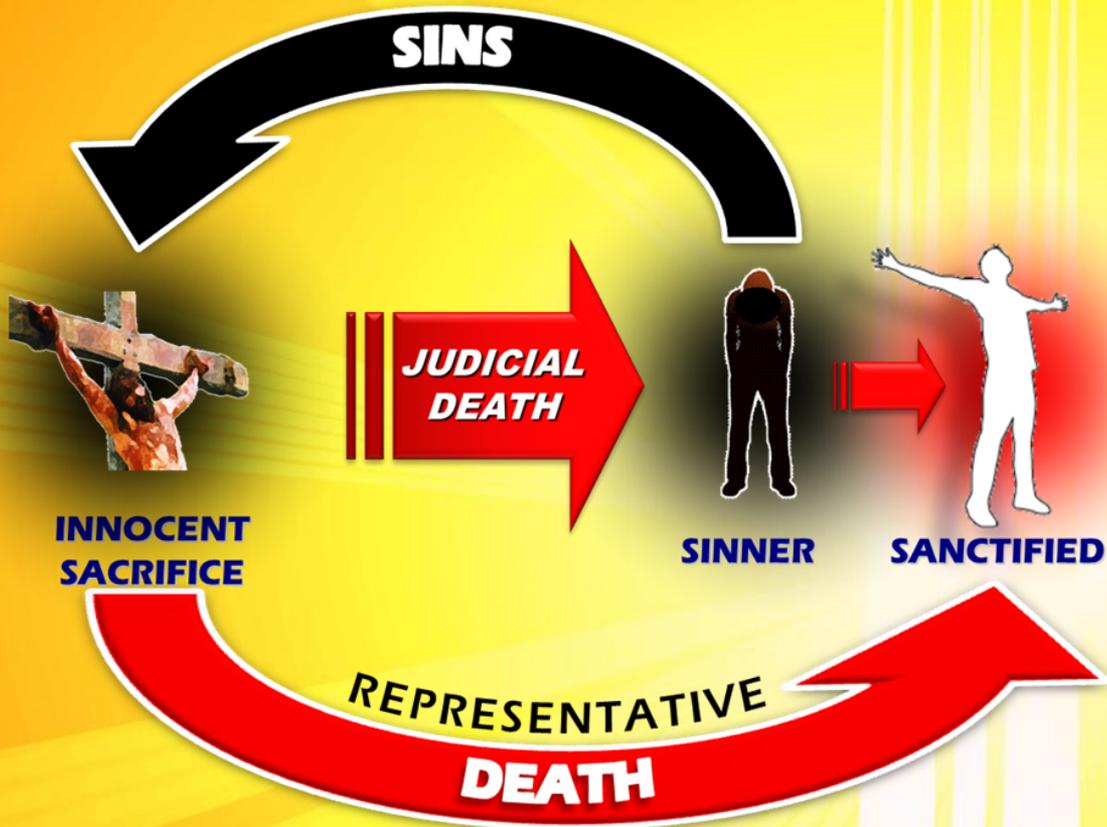


# Isaiah 53 – 750 years before Christ!

- 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* **He would pay our price**
- 10 But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If *He would render Himself as a guilt offering,* **He would be a sin 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 bear our sins**



# Christ's Sacrifice – A Judicial Death



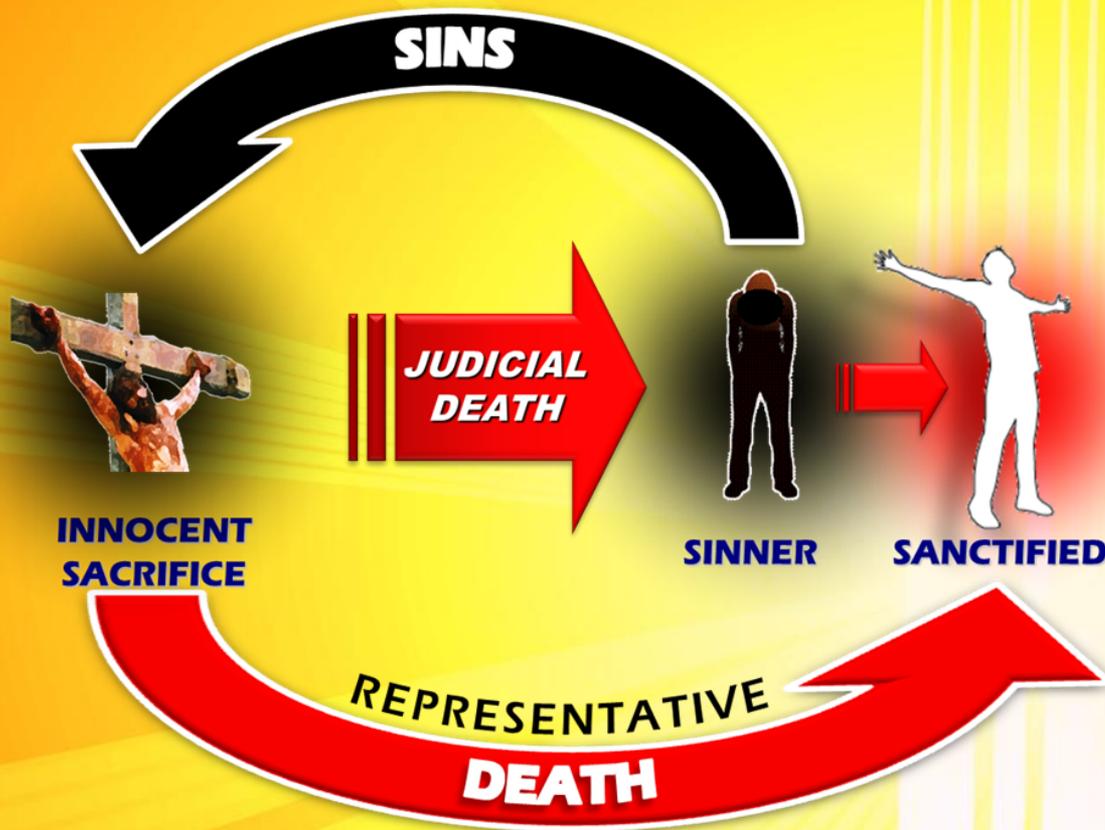
1 Peter 2:24

*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

OT Fulfillment

Mt 5:17

Sin Bearer

2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:28

Removes Sin

Romans 6:6

Reconciliation

Colossians 1:22

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

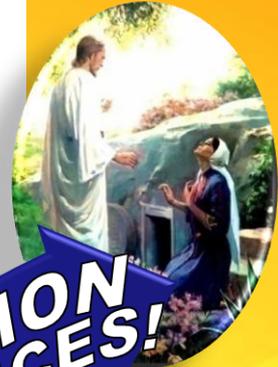
# RESURRECTION!

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



DEATH & BURIAL

RESURRECTION  
& APPEARANCES!



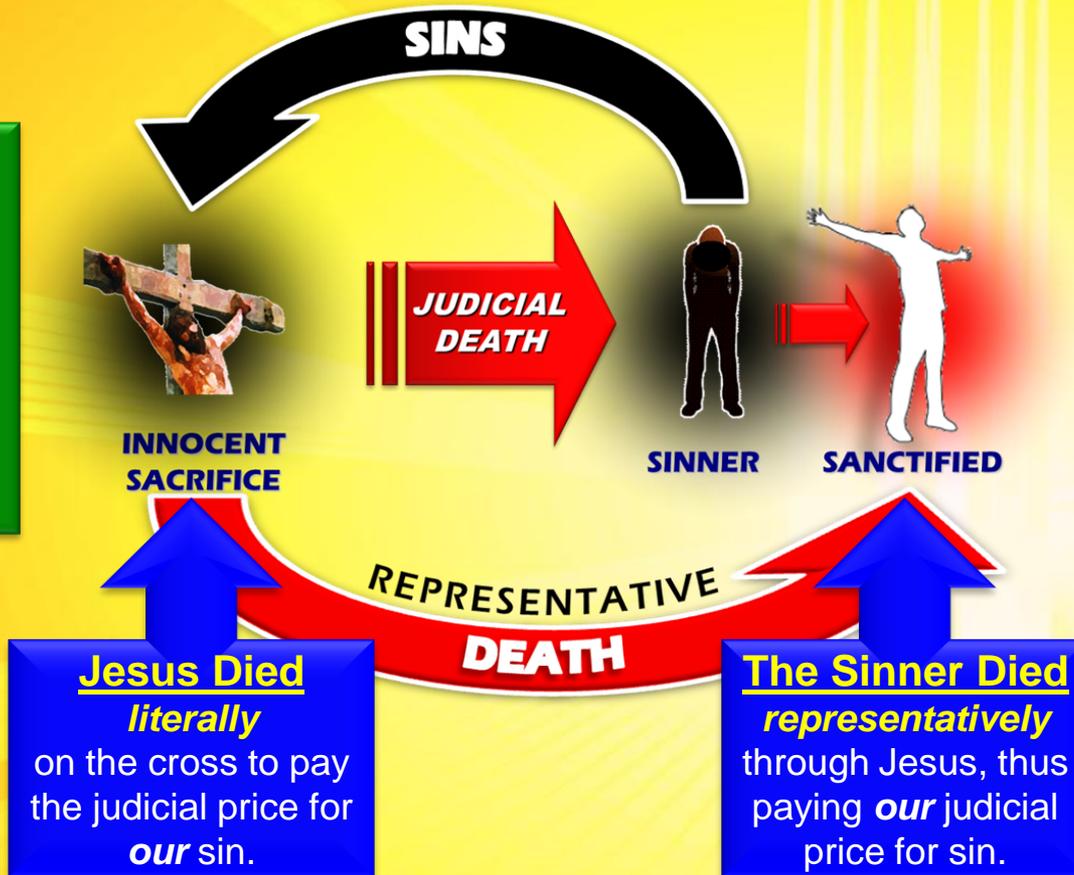
1 Corinthians 15:1-8

# 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

2 Tim 2:11 "If we died *with* him, we will also live with him"

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified *with* Christ..."

2 Cor 5:14 "one died for all, therefore *all* died."



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

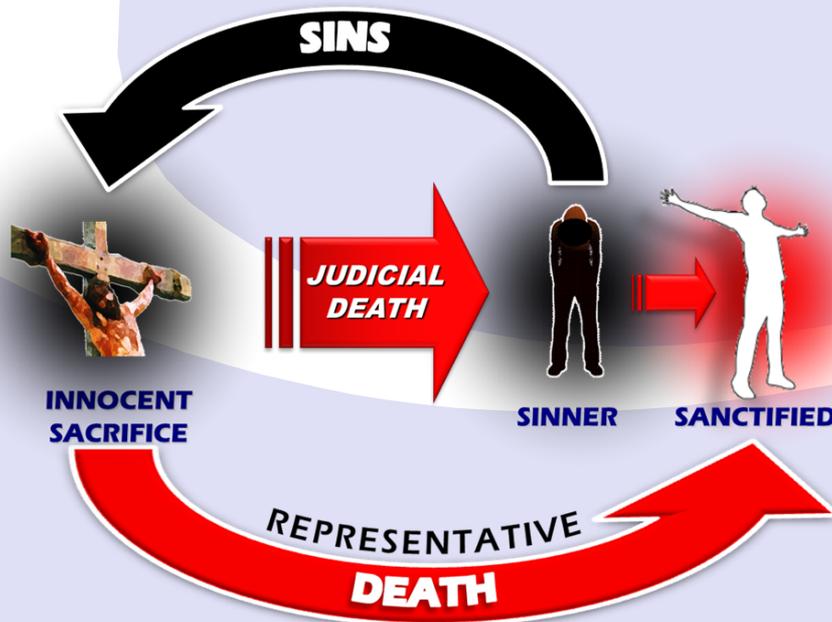


Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness

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 ?**

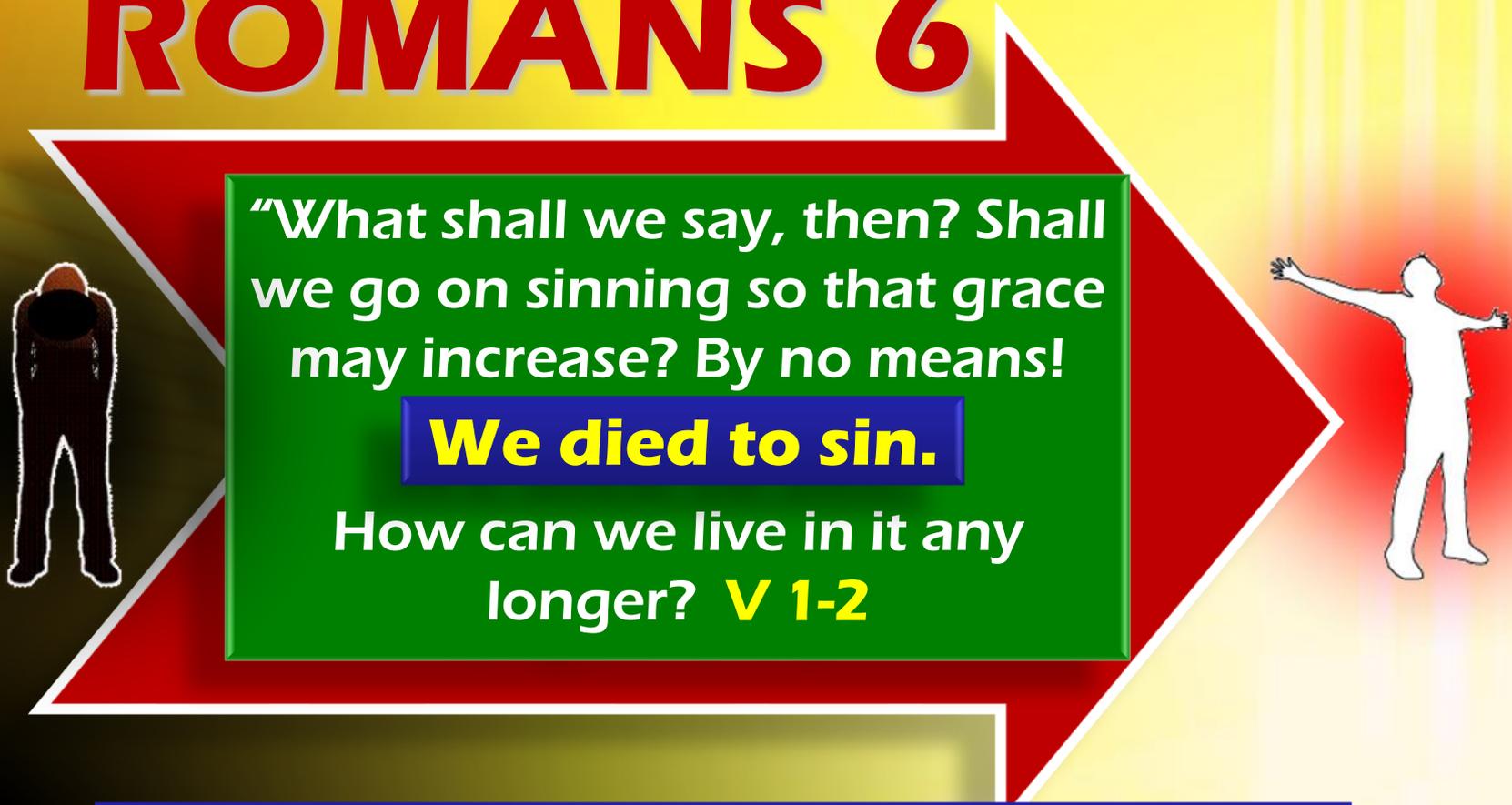
**When does God view me as . . .**

**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**



**INTO DEATH**



**NEW LIFE**  
**NEW BIRTH**  
**NEW CREATION**

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



# ROMANS 6

V2, 11 *We died to sin.*

JUDICIAL DEATH

V3 *Baptized into Christ, Baptized into His death.*

HEB. 9:22

v4 *Buried with him through baptism into death. Receive a new life.*

MERCY

v5 *United with His death.*

REPRESENTATIVE DEATH

v6 *Crucified with Him. Sin done away with.*

JUDICIAL DEATH

v7 *Died and freed from sin*

JUSTICE

v8 *Died with Christ.*

REPRESENTATIVE DEATH

V12 *Therefore stop sinning.*

REPENTANCE

v17 *You became obedient from the heart.*

FAITH

v22 *The result - sanctification.*

HOLY

v23 *We accepted the free gift of God.*

GIFT





**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



**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) 1 Cor. 6:11; Col.1:22

# 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"*



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 was commanded:

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 universal early Christian belief, teaching, and practice regarding the role of baptism..

# 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



# The Apostolic Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

*"Therefore go  
and make  
disciples of all  
the nations*

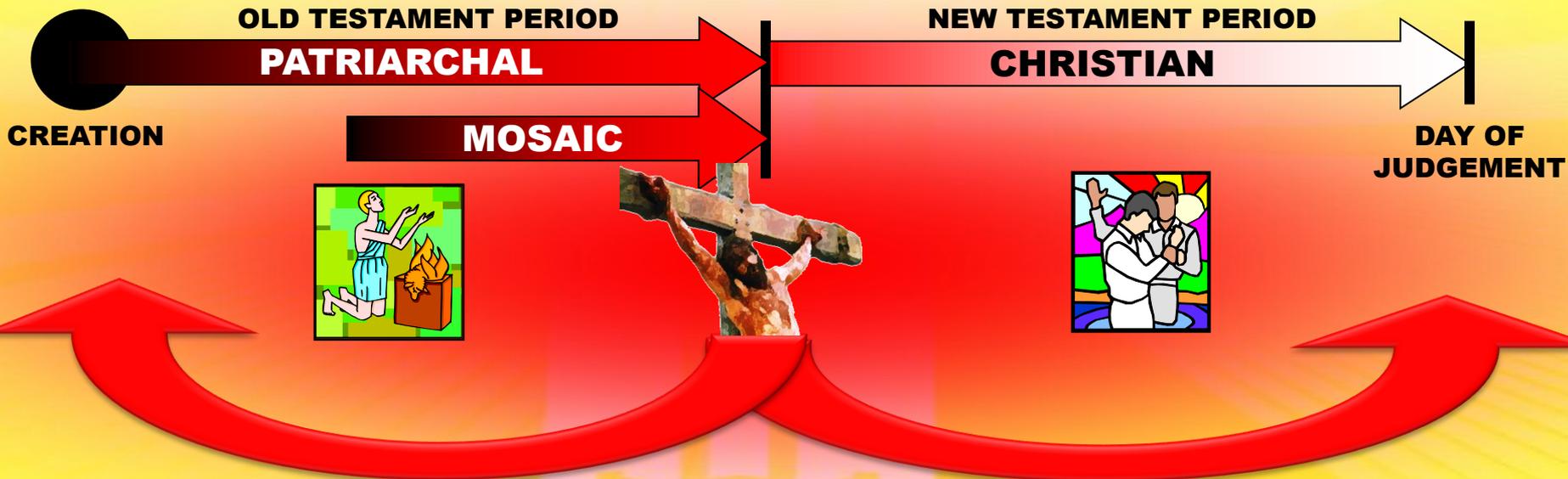
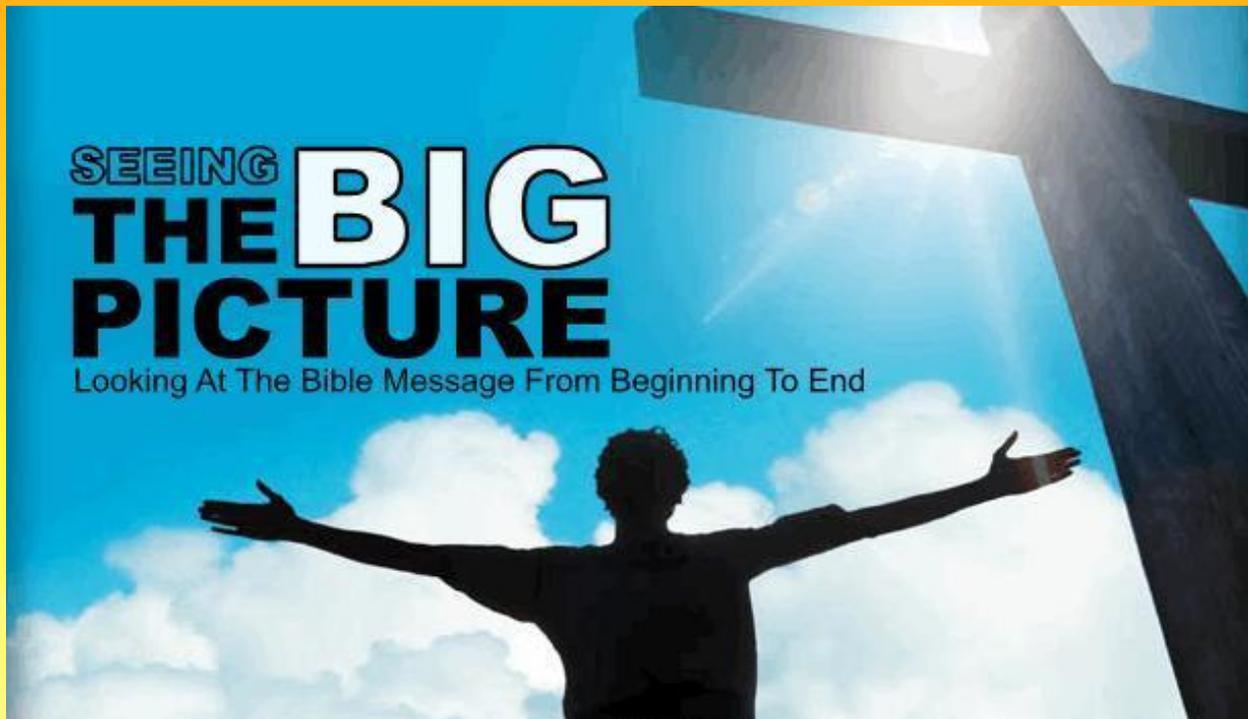
HOW?

***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)



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

# The Eternal Plan



“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).

“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).

# Do you want to die with Christ?



# 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?

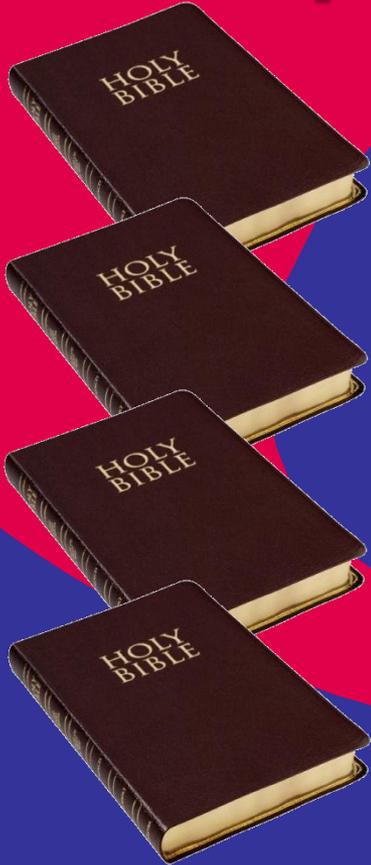
1 Pet. 3:21 **Baptism saves...How?**

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