

“Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ ””

(Luke 24:1–7, NKJV)

- For forty days Jesus appeared to His disciples and confirmed that He had in fact risen from the dead
- He paid the price for our sin and reconcile us with God
- He will forever be The Way the Truth and the Life

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” **(John 14:6, NKJV)**

- If someone doesn't receive the Lord as their Savior they reject the only Payment available for their sins
- If they don't accept full payment for their sins they'll be rejected and cast into hell
- Not because of their sins but because they cannot pay any other way

“that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

(2 Corinthians 5:19, NKJV)

- God’s not angry
- He loves you and paid the price for you
- Receive Him – Receive His love
- The grace of God has been extended to all people
- This is the message of the Gospel

Most people believe that God will only hear them and answer their prayers if they are good enough

- We’ve tied His ability to our goodness
- When you do that Satan will defeat you because your own heart will condemn you telling you that you don’t deserve it
- God defeated the Devil by giving us something we could never pay for
- Righteousness

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

(2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV)

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

(2 Corinthians 5:21, NKJV)

- The Lord didn’t just ignore our sins
- He paid the penalty for them, making us righteous

Jesus Took it All

““Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.” The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.”

(Isaiah 40:1–3, NKJV)

- This is a prophetic scripture speaking about the Lord Jesus Christ
- It is declaring that the war between God and man, because of their sins, will be officially over
- When the Messiah comes He will bear your sins
- The entire human race was worthy of receiving this
- Jesus bore our sins and now the war is over

Starting here in Isaiah chapter 40 and continuing on through the rest of Isaiah you see many prophecies concerning the work of Jesus

“Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;” (Isaiah 52:13–14, NKJV)

- Jesus was marred more than any other man

According to this prophecy Jesus' face looked worse than any person who has ever lived

- His body was so marred He didn't even look human
- It wasn't caused by the led tipped whip alone
- He bore the price of our sin
- The wrath of God

“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24, NKJV)

- He became sin for us!

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5, NKJV)

- Every sin, sickness, and disease of the entire human race
- Every tumor, deformity, and perversion entered into the physical body of the Lord Jesus Christ
- His face and form became so distorted that he didn't even look human
- God did this to His son
- So that we could be made Righteous

Who can imagine the agony that came upon Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane?

- No wonder He trembled and sweat blood
– **Matthew 26:36-39, 42**

Many Christians mistakenly think that when they sin God is mad at them

- He won't answer their prayer if they have unconfessed sin in your life
- When we think this way we diminish the Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ
- We reduce Jesus to only part of the solution
- People think that we have to repent, feel terrible over our sin, grovel in the dirt

When we think this way, we are proving that we don't understand the totality of the price that Jesus paid for us

While hanging on the Cross

“And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”” (Mark 15:34, NKJV)

- After putting all of the sin, sickness, disease, and suffering of the world, the Father turned His back on His Son
- That was the price that you and I deserved
- Yes, it is true that hell will have physical suffering in flames – **Luke 16:24**
- There will be emotional torment as well
- The worst part of hell is the absence of anything good
- Everything Good – Everything God, will be gone
- Nothing but darkness, hatred, and strife will remain

The Father forsook His only Son so that you and I wouldn't be forsaken

- He totally rejected Him so that you and I wouldn't be rejected
- When you sin, God isn't upset with you, turning away from you, and not answering your prayer
- Some people might say that I'm making light of sin
- I think when we refuse to receive the entirety of Jesus' redemption we're making light of Him
- Jesus paid so great of a price for our sin that it has forever satisfied the wrath of God
- God isn't mad at you regardless of what you've done

“For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,” (1 Thessalonians 5:9, NKJV)

“Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?” (Isaiah 53:1, NKJV)

- This is nearly too good to be true
- Who would believe this?
- All of our sins – past, present, and future have been paid for
- Jesus was looked over, passed by, taken for granted, and rejected
- People questioned if He was even God – He didn't walk around with a halo
- Anything you have ever suffered He suffered those things for you and me

“He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.”

(Isaiah 53:3–4, NKJV)

- Jesus didn't have any grief of His own to bear
- He had never done anything that would cause misery
- He took all of our sorrow, grief, and misery upon Himself
- *“and by His stripes we are healed.”* – Verse 5

“that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.”” **(Matthew 8:17, NKJV)**

- Jesus had just healed Peter's mother-in-law and many others
- Healing isn't limited to just spiritual or emotional things

Jesus suffered so that you and I could receive healing – spirit, soul, and body – by His stripes

“All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” **(Isaiah 53:6, NKJV)**

- Truly the iniquity of us all was laid on Him
- Every murder, sexual immorality, and other ungodly things

All of our sin was placed on Jesus and His Righteousness was given to us – He made us as if I had never sinned

- We wouldn't be depressed or discouraged if we only understood how much God loves us and has forgiven us
- Even if the doctor tells you you're going to die
- God loves you and you're going to live forever with Him
- You've missed hell
- Sure, God can heal you, but even if worst comes to worst and we die we go directly to Jesus – **2 Corinthians 5:8**
- If we understood that we are forgiven it would change everything for us!
- If we win, we win – if we lose, we win!
- We can't lose for winning!

“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
(Philippians 1:21, NKJV)

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” **(Romans 8:1, NKJV)**

- God isn't angry with you
- Religion makes you think that He is angry with you and forsaken you
- God isn't on your case for something you did last week
- The Holy spirit may how you if you did something wrong, but it's your own conscience making you feel guilty
- Live in the Spirit!

“For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.”
(Isaiah 54:10, NKJV)

- God is now at peace with mankind
- He has made a covenant and signed a treaty
- The war is over!
- He will never be angry with us again!
- Receive the Gospel of Peace

“And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” (1 John 2:2, NKJV)

- People aren't going to hell because of their sin
- They are going to hell because they haven't accepted the payment for their sin
- They haven't received the Lord Jesus Christ in their hearts
- They don't know Him

You can't do enough

- Going to church or giving an extra offering won't appease God
- There's nothing you can offer that will supersede what Jesus has done
- Jesus plus anything = nothing!

You have to trust the Lord or trust yourself – not a combination

“and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

(Ephesians 4:24, NKJV)

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”” **(John 4:24, NKJV)**

- God is a Spirit
- God looks at you in the spirit realm – Spirit to spirit
- He doesn’t see you the way you see yourself
- God isn’t looking at your actions, sins, and failures
- He’s not angry with you the way that you are angry with yourself
- He’s not disappointed with you the way you are disappointed with yourself
- God sees you in the spirit and you are a brand-new creation
- God is in love with you, and He wants to move in your life

*“Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples (men)* to Myself.””* **(John 12:31–32, NKJV)**

- *Peoples or Men* – this is not in the original text
- Judgment is the context
- Jesus was saying that when He be lifted up, He would draw all of God’s judgement against the world unto Himself
- Speaking of the death He would die – **Verse 33**

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,”

(Romans 8:1–3, NKJV)

- The word *condemned* means *judged*

If someone has been judged in a court of law, sent to prison, suffered, and completed their sentence, you can't retry them

- They've already repaid the debt
- That would be called Double Jeopardy

I am never going to be forsaken by God! – **Mark 15:34**

- I will never be separated from Him
- I will never be punished for my sin
- Jesus was punished for me

Yes, it's true that when you sin you give the devil an inroad into your life – But God loves you and He isn't punishing you

- That's why it's stupid to just live in sin
- You are yielding yourself to the author of that sin

“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?”

(Romans 6:16, NKJV)

- Sin will cause you to reap a harvest that you don’t want
- Sexual immorality opens the door for all kinds of sexually transmitted diseases
- You’ll condemn yourself and defile your conscience
- You’ll lose confidence and your own heart will condemn you
- You’ll hurt the person you’re married to, as well as the one you committed adultery with, your children, their children
- You’ll shame yourself and hurt the Kingdom of God

You may be stupid, but God loves you!

Whether you’ve committed adultery or some other sin, God loves you

- Jesus drew all judgement unto Himself and suffered your iniquity, shame, embarrassment, and rejection
- He suffered separation from God
- He’s already done it for us!
- You don’t have to do “penance”
- Your sin was “Paid in Full”

“not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”

(Titus 3:5, NKJV)

Jesus made a covenant with us. He died to put His will into effect, and then rose again to enforce – probate – it!

“By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” (Hebrews 10:10, NKJV)

- We are sanctified, made holy, through the offering of the Lord Jesus Christ once for all!
- Not just once for all people but once for all time

“And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,” (Hebrews 10:11–12, NKJV)

- In the Old Testament there were offerings daily and often
- In the New, Jesus made one sacrifice for our sins forever

“from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:13–14, NKJV)

- Here it says that that One Offering has perfected us forever
- This is not talking about our body or soul
- It is talking about our spirit
- Changed in an instant at salvation
- Our spirit is identical to the Lord Jesus’
– 1 Corinthians 6:17

Our new man is sinless and sealed

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”

(Ephesians 1:13, NKJV)

“and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

(Ephesians 4:24, NKJV)

- When we sin in your physical body it can open up the door for Satan to come against you with sickness, poverty, and such – **Romans 6:16**
- When you sin with your soul, he’ll come in and defile your thinking
- Sin makes you spiritually handicapped
- It will hinder or delay things because of the way it limits our ability to think like God
- But sin doesn’t penetrate your born-again spirit
- Your spirit has been sanctified and perfected

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,” **(Hebrews 12:22–23, NKJV)**

Again, the spirit man is the one that has been made new and perfected

- This is why we must renew our minds to the truth of God's word – **Romans 12:1-3**
- In your spirit you are sanctified and perfected forever
- God has forgiven you of ALL sin!
- He's not mad at you or punishing you
- He sees you Spirit to spirit – **1Samuel 16:7, John 4:24**
- God is aware that we have a physical body that does things wrong, but He looks at you in the spirit

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (**Ephesians 2:10, NKJV**)

If you've accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God looks at you and says, “Perfect, holy, pure, and righteous

- You have all of the benefits and privileges that Jesus has
- That is because your spirit is totally changed
- Not just dusted off or refurbished

*“And because you are sons, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son** into **your hearts**, crying out, “Abba, Father!””*

(**Galatians 4:6, NKJV**)

- All you need to do is receive Him as Lord and Savior
– **Romans 10:9-10, 13**
- Your sin is Paid in Full