

**LIVING A LIFE OF SACRIFICE:
OUR SUBSTITUTE AND THE RESULTS OF HIS SACRIFICE**

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GOD HAS BEEN MODELING UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND SACRIFICE SINCE BEFORE CREATION

- The bible teaches that we are all sinners and fall short of God's standard. (*Romans 3:23*)
- The ultimate penalty for our sin is eternal separation from God. (*Romans 6:23*)
- Atonement is defined as payment, satisfaction, or reparation for a wrong doing or injury.
- God's everlasting promise to us is this: That Jesus would come into the world to die in our place in order to make payment in full for our sins, and to provide forgiveness to everyone who believes in Him.

THE ANTICIPATION OF A SUBSTITUTE WHO WOULD PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS

- Animal sacrifice in the Old Testament was an incomplete picture that anticipated Christ's substitutionary death as payment for our sin. (*Leviticus 16*)
- Ultimately only one Substitute, Jesus Christ, could satisfy the payment for our sins.

***"For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."* Hebrews 10:4**

"Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows* that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all."

Isaiah 53:4-6

THE WEIGHT OF OUR SIN

- In order to pay the price for our sins, God credited all of our sins to Christ at the cross.

"But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.""

Galatians 3:13

"He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed."

1 Peter 2:24

HIS BODY BROKEN FOR ME

"He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.""

Luke 22:19

OUR DEBT HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL BY JESUS CHRIST

- Christ's death on our behalf was satisfactory payment for our sin, and has continued effects in our lives and our world.

When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and released his spirit.
John 19:30

RESULTS OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE ON OUR BEHALF

- Because Christ died in our place, when we trust in His death we are automatically credited with His righteousness.
- This means that God views us as "not guilty" like Jesus Christ, rather than as sinners.

"For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past"

Romans 3:25

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,* so that we could be made right with God through Christ.
2 Corinthians 5:21

RESULTS OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE ON OUR BEHALF

- When we place our faith in Jesus Christ, we are welcomed safely into the family of God.

Christ suffered* for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.*

1 Peter 3:18

HIS BLOOD Poured OUT FOR ME

"After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.*"
Luke 22:20

HOW WILL YOU MODEL A LIFE OF SACRIFICE

"And so, dear brothers and sisters,* I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him."
Romans 12

- ✓ Are you modeling this type of unconditional love and sacrifice in your home?
- ✓ How much time and effort are you giving to God and his work right now?
- ✓ Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans and your own money to accomplish what God's will?