

“By Christ redeemed, by Christ restored” #86

“His body given in our stead, is seen in this
memorial bread.”

We sometimes keep more in our minds from the
songs that we sing than from the truths of God’s
word.

When God sent His son to die for our sins, it was because no one else could do the job. Not one of us was the perfect lamb.

Jn 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

1Pet 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

Jesus was the perfect lamb, the Lamb of God. He did not die in our stead. That means that if we died, the debt would be satisfied. Physical death does not satisfy the debt of our sin. And it's not just physical death that we will suffer.

Rom 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; 8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

What kind of tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil?

Matt 25:46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Mk 9:43 "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, 44 where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. 45 "And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having your two feet, to be cast into hell, 46 where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. 47 "And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell, 48 where their worm does not die, **and the fire is not quenched**

Lk 16:24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.' 25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and **you are in agony.** 26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.' 27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house-- 28 for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, lest they also come to this place of **torment.**'

2Th 1:7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted
and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be
revealed from heaven 8 dealing out **retribution** to
those who do not know God and to those who do
not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 And
these will pay the penalty of **eternal destruction**,
away from the presence of the Lord and from the
glory of His power

The penalty is not merely physical death. That will happen to all of us.

Heb 9:27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

The penalty for our sins is being:

1. away from the presence of the Lord
2. receiving retribution from the mighty angels and the Lord in flaming fire
3. being in a place where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched
4. being in that place eternally
5. suffering tribulation and anguish - eternally
6. being aware of those who did not come to torment
7. being unable to do anything about it, i.e., no purgatory to be prayed out of.

Jesus died on the cross but He did not suffer for us in the grave and certainly not eternally. **He did not die in our stead.**

Acts 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants upon his throne, 31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.

Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, died to pay a debt we could not pay. A debt that no other man could pay for us.

Lambs offered to God had to be without defect Num 28:1; 29:17, 26

But lambs could not take away sin.

Heb 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

They did not have sufficient value to equal the weight of your sins!

It took the son of God to have sufficient value to take away your sin and my sin - the sins of the whole world.

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1Jn 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (NIV)

the atoning sacrifice for our sins NIV
the propitiation for our sins KJV NAS NKJ

Merriam Webster - propitiation

Pronunciation: prO-^{uh}-pi-shE-^{uh}-A-sh&n

Function: noun

Date: 14th century

1 : the act of propitiating

2 : something that propitiates; specifically : an atoning sacrifice

atone: 2: to supply satisfaction for: expiate

expiate 2 a : to extinguish the guilt incurred by b : to make amends for

He has paid the debt you cannot pay. Not by offering an animal sacrifice. Not by offering yourself. Not the Saints. Not Mary. Not anyone could be the perfect Lamb of God, except Jesus the Christ. He was the only sinless person who has ever walked the earth.

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

What does it feel like to be in a hole from which you cannot extract yourself. Lost. Without hope.

It feels awful!!

Before you were born, knowing that you were going to be in that hole, God gave His son.

But to accept the kindness of God, you must chose to follow Jesus.

Matt 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 "He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it.

Mk 16:16 "He who has believed and has been
baptized shall be saved; but he who has
disbelieved shall be condemned.

What stands in your way?

What stands between you and escape from hell?