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“... the wages of sin is death ...”

In the garden of Eden God told Adam:

“... From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”



Genesis 2:16b-17

“... the wages of sin is death ...”

But Adam and Eve did not keep God's command:

“... she (Eve) took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked...”

Genesis 3:6b-7a

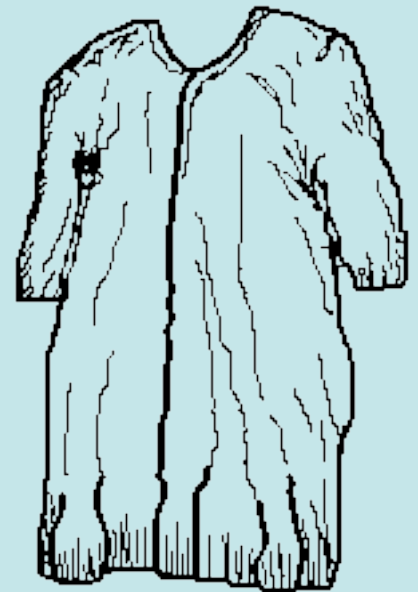


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God made the first sacrifice for Adam and Eve:

“And the LORD God made garments
of skin for Adam and his wife and
clothed them.”

Genesis 3:21



“... the wages of sin is death ...”

God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden:

“And now, lest he (Adam) stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat and live forever... the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden”

Genesis 3:22b,23b



“... the wages of sin is death ...”

Adam and Eve died spiritually that day
and were separated from God.

“... your iniquities have made a
separation between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden His face
from you, so that He does not hear.”

Isaiah 59:2

“... the wages of sin is death ...”

Adam and Eve died spiritually that day
And death entered the world.

“...through one man sin entered into the
world, and death through sin, and so death
spread to all men, because all sinned.”

Romans 5:12

“... the wages of sin is death ...”

Adam's sinful nature
spread to all humans, and all sinned.

“Indeed there is not a righteous man
on earth who does good and who
never sins.”

Ecclesiastes 7:20

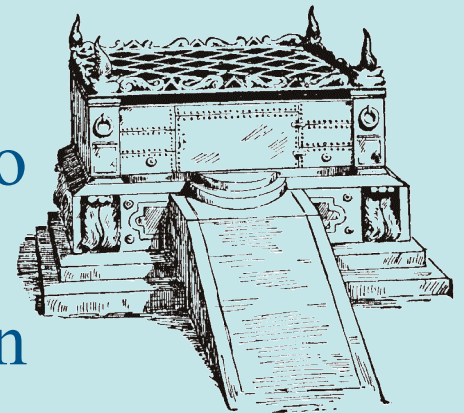
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Later God gave the commandments of sacrifice:

For example:

“Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, though he was unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment: he is then to bring to the priest a ram without defect, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering.”

Leviticus 5:17-18a

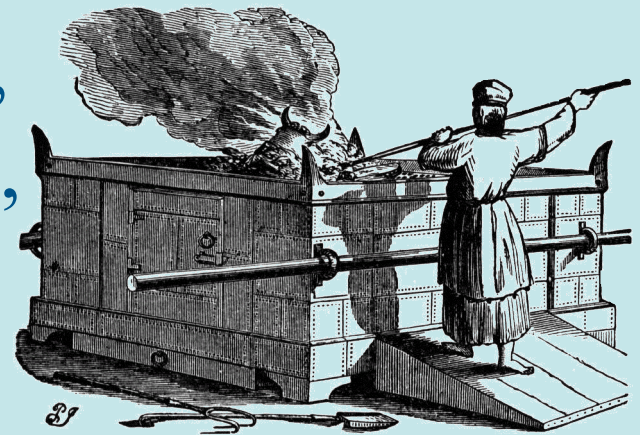


“... the wages of sin is death ...”

Without a death, forgiveness was not possible:

“And according to the Law, almost all things are cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.”

Hebrews 9:22



“... the wages of sin is death ...”

The sin offering victim had to be without defect:

“... bring a ram **without defect**... for a
guilt offering.”

Leviticus 5:18a

“... the wages of sin is death ...”

Either a person died in his own sins,
or a sacrifice without defect died in his place.



“... the wages of sin is death ...”

When Adam and Eve sinned,
they lost the opportunity to have eternal life.

“And now, lest he (Adam) stretch out
his hand and take also from the **tree of
life**, and eat and **live forever**... the
LORD God sent him out from the
garden of Eden”
Genesis 3:22b,23b



“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

But God wants to give back what was lost!

“The Lord is not slow about His
promise, as some count slowness, but He
is patient toward you, not wishing for
any to perish but for all to come to
repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9

“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

What God wants to give us is a present,
that is, something which cannot be earned.



“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

God's gift cannot be earned by our “good works”,
because it is a present.

“For by grace you have been saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves, it is the gift of God; not
as a result of works, that no one
should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8b-9



“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

What is God's gift?

Eternal life!

What does eternal life mean



“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

There is an eternal punishment (hell).

Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels.

Life in hell is described as the “second death”:

Matthew 25:41,46

Revelation 20:14

“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

God's Kingdom (heaven) is eternal.

Heaven is where God is.

Life in heaven is described as eternal life:

Matthew 25:46

Revelation 21:4

“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

Whoever does not accept God's gift,
will die in his sins and go to hell.

“Or do you not know that the
unrighteous shall not inherit the
Kingdom of God?”

1 Corinthians 6:9a

“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

Whoever accepts God's gift,
will have his sins forgiven and go to heaven.

“... the righteous (go) into
eternal life.”

Matthew 25:46b

“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

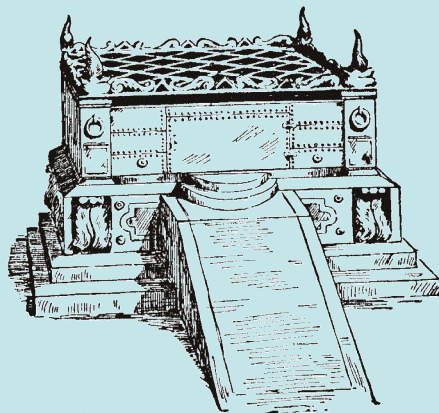
God is just and He keeps His Word.

The wages of sin (death) needed to be paid.



“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

A sacrifice without defect (sin) was needed,
and its blood needed to be shed.



“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

This sacrifice needed to provide eternal life.

This sacrifice needed to reconcile us with God.



“... but the gift of God is eternal life ...”

How did God give us such a present



“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin,
and of all the prophets, only He was sinless.

“And you know that He appeared in order
to take away sins; and in Him there is
no sin.”

1 John 3:5

“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

John the Baptist knew that Jesus would be a sacrifice
and said of Him:

“Behold the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world!”
John 1:29b



“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus Christ was offered as a sacrifice
during the Jewish feast of the Passover.

“For Christ our Passover also has been
sacrificed.”

1 Corinthians 5:7b



“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus Christ was offered
for the forgiveness of our sins

“And He Himself is the propitiation for
our sins; and not for ours only, but also
for those of the whole world.”

1 John 2:2



“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus Christ died to reconcile us with God.

He died to bring us to God.

“For Christ also died for us, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God ...”

1 Peter 3:18a



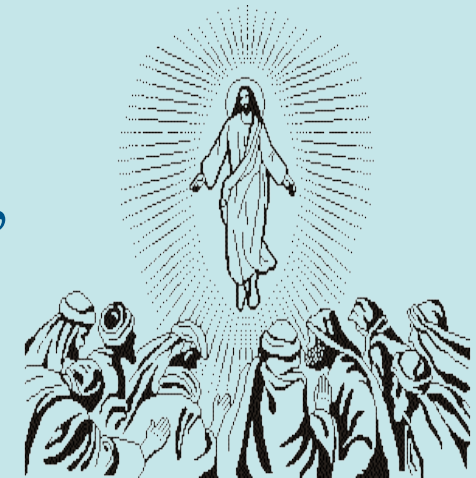
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Jesus Christ arose from the dead on the third day after death.

Only He can be an intercessor for us.

“For there is one God, and one
mediator also between God and men,
the man Jesus Christ.”

1 Timothy 2:5



“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus Christ is Lord!

He was both man and God.

“For a **child** will be born to us, a **son** will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God**, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus Christ is Lord!

He was bodily human but spiritually God Himself.

**“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God ... and the Word
became flesh and dwelt among us”**

John 1:1a,14a

“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus Christ gives eternal life:

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on Him.”

John 3:36

“... in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Do you accept God’s gift in Jesus Christ our Lord?



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