

How Will You Pay for This?

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John 14:15 *If ye love Me, keep My Word*
Luke 17:10 *if you have obeyed the Word*
Isaiah 45:22 *Look unto Me—there is none else*
Acts 4:12 *salvation is in no other*
1 Timothy 2:5 *one God and one mediator*
John 1:29 *The Lamb of God who takes away*
1 Peter 1:19 *With the precious blood of Christ*
1 Peter 2:24 *Who His own self bare our sins*
1 Peter 2:22 *Committed no sin, neither was*

Theme: The Cost of Atonement!

Since good works do not pay the penalty of our sins, then another way must be available.

Obedience to the *Word of God* means we love the *Son of God*. AV **John 14:15** “*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*” If we keep the *commands* we keep the *love* for Christ in our heart.

There is no merit nor payment of good deeds—whatever those good deeds may be.

WEY **Luke 17:10** “*So you also, when you have obeyed all the orders given you, must say, ‘There is no merit in our service: what we have done is only what we were in duty bound to do.’*”

Doing good things does *not* pay the price for sins, but our *faith* in the sacrifice of Christ does pay the debt in full. That is the *truth* of the

Word, and anyone can know the truth by the Holy Spirit’s enlightenment.

Some people read through Scripture to find a loophole or some way to justify the life they live—apart from the life God requires *everyone* to live.

But we know that the Bible is true and that there are *no* loopholes; *no* other plan; *no* other God in whom we trust.

AV **Isaiah 45:22** “*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*”

God says that He is the only God out there—no one else can *deliver*; *heal*; *provide*; *protect*; *convert*; *forgive*; and *save*—no one else! Do we *want* those things enough to *trust* Him in faith for them? We must *answer* that!

How can we be right with God and *what* is the pathway? The answer is the pathway of believing faith.

AV **Acts 4:12** “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*”

Many do not like the *exclusiveness* of that statement, but it *is* the *Word* from God and there is no changing that.

The one Person who can do the impossible—who can *protect*, *provide*, *heal*, *convert*, and *save* is the—AV **1 Timothy 2:5** “*One God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*”

Many verses tell us that Jesus is the only way to make *peace* with God and the only way to be in *fellowship* with Him.

Since Jesus is this “*One Mediator*,” we may ask why He *is* the only *answer* to problems and the only *way* to Heaven?

There *has* to be a *right* answer and we *have* to *know* the answer before we *leave* this world.

There *has* to be a *right* answer to counteract all the *wrong* answers in the world; there *has* to be a way to protect us from ending in the flames.

The *answer* is just bring a *perfect sacrifice* and offering to God—a sacrifice He will accept.

The Old Testament informs us that God used animal sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins.

The Jewish people would later bring animal offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem to atone for their sins. The innocent animal’s *blood* was a *substitute* for the individual’s *own* blood.

They knew that due to their *own* sins they deserved to die; but because of the substitute animal’s blood being shed on *their* behalf, their sin was *taken away*.

NKJV **Leviticus 17:11** “*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.*”

Each Israelite family who had been slaves in Egypt, took the blood of a lamb without blemish and put it on the doorposts of their homes. This caused the death angel to “*pass over*” them.

Jewish people celebrate a Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur—a day when all Israel is to confess their sins, sacrifice animals, and receive God’s forgiveness.

That is not done anymore, because the sacrifice must be made at the Temple in Jerusalem which was destroyed in 70 A.D.

If God demands a blood sacrifice to atone for sins—and we cannot *change* what God has *planned* to purge sin, then what blood sacrifice could be done *now*, since the Temple was destroyed 2,000 years ago?

There is a *reason* why an actual blood sacrifice is no longer necessary.

The apostle John said AV John 1:29 “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

God demands a perfect sacrifice, but no one can offer it except the Lamb of God! It is He and our faith in His sacrifice that atones for our sins. We can be healed and delivered; we can be saved and redeemed,

AV 1 Peter 1:19 “With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

It is the only way, and the only plan God has—AV 1 Peter 2:24 “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

No one can change God’s standard of righteousness. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who paid the penalty for all the sins of all the world. God demands a perfect sacrifice for atonement of sin.

If Jesus were just a prophet, then payment would have to be made some other way, but Jesus died as a perfect offering because He NKJV 1 Peter 2:22 “Committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth.”

Jesus was tempted as we are, but He never sinned. He alone could be that perfect sacrifice for all sin and for all sinners in the world.

He was the substitute Lamb without blemish and the perfect sacrifice for all sins. Everyone needs to have faith in Jesus to get out of this world alive—spiritually!

Yeshua is mentioned in the Old Testament and Jesus’ Hebrew name is Yeshua—which means *salvation*.

If O.T. Jews only read the Torah and don’t believe Jesus is the Messiah, then they need to read five O.T. verses—and ask: *Who is this referring to?*

First verse AV Isaiah 53:3 “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” This can only be Jesus.

Second verse AV Psalm 22:1 “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me?” That describes Jesus’ death on the Cross.

Third verse AV Jeremiah 31:31 “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.” That refers to the Old Testament and New Testament covenant on salvation.

Fourth verse AV Daniel 9:24 “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness.”

The holy city is Jerusalem that was destroyed in 70 A.D. The Messiah had to have come before that—so Jesus alone fulfilled that prophecy.

Fifth verse NKJV Proverbs 30:4 “Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is His name, and what is His Son’s name!” The answer again is Yeshua!

Scripture proclaims in many passages that Jesus would come in a particular time and manner.

For almost 2,000 years, O.T. Jews have not been able to offer animal sacrifices, because the Temple where they must be offered was destroyed by the Romans.

Since Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for all sin for all time, the Temple sacrifices are not needed today.

Jewish law required a sin offering—that is why Jesus came—to be the perfect one-time-for-all-time sin offering.

Our part in this divine plan is our choice to trust in that perfect sacrifice of *Atonement*—a sacrifice for sins made on the cross by the Lamb of God for all who want *salvation enough* to live by faith on the Son of God *enough*.

That faith and trust on God concerns every aspect of daily living, because God has promised to deliver; heal; provide; protect; and save anyone who will believe Him and trust Him in faith to do all those things.

If we search for the Truth from God, we will always be directed to the Word of God.

AV Hebrews 1:3 “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

So how will we pay for our sins? A perfect Blood sacrifice and full payment has already been made! Now we decide!

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