

## **GOD CHANGES REPENTANT SINNERS WHO BELIEVE IN HIS PROMISE**

**What does sin damage? Happiness, peace of mind, health, fellowship with God, friends, neighbors**

**What was the first law concerning sin? If you sin, you die.**

**Sin crouches at your door, and desires to destroy you. Don't let it. Genesis 4:7**

**What one act of righteousness did Jesus do so that He has the right to take our sins away?**

**Sinless death by execution at the Cross Romans 5:18**

**How was sin condemned and sentenced to removal? Sin unjustly killed sinless Jesus. Romans 8:3**

**What was sin guilty of? Killing sinless Jesus. Jesus arose with all authority to remove sin.**

**Repentant believers in Jesus are reconciled to God, saved by His life in us. Romans 5:10-11**

**Don't let sin reign in your body because it leads to death. Romans 6:12**

**What replaces sin in your life? Righteous actions led by the Holy Spirit in your life.**

**Jesus in your heart means that you think His thoughts and do His actions in the power of His Spirit.**

**Galatians 2:20 Christ lives in me.**

**To follow Jesus means that we do right actions and turn away from sin.**

**Luke 9:23 Deny self, die to selfish desires and obey Jesus.**

**We should cooperate with the Holy Spirit by seeking God and seeking to do righteousness.**

**Ask the Holy Spirit to teach us His Word, show us what righteous actions we can do, and keep us from sin.**

**Walk by the Spirit, and you will not be continuously defeated by sin. Galatians 5:16**

How do you walk by the Spirit? Obey Jesus.

**21 commands of Jesus: 1 Thess. 5:11-24**

**My son, do not take lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him, for the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and He disciplines everyone He accepts as His child. Hebrews 12:5,6**

Who is a child of God? Humble, repentant, born again believers in Jesus

**Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined, then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Hebrews 12: 7,8**

What is discipline? Learning obedience

**God disciplines us for good, that we may share in His holiness. Hebrews 12:10b**

**It produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.**

**Hebrews 12:11b**

What does discipline produce? Holiness, righteousness and peace

**We will wear fine linen, bright and clean, and this fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:8**

**All your right actions will be sown together to make your robe.**

**We should want to do many right actions every day.**

**Jesus learned obedience: The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. Isaiah 53:5 Heb. 5:8**

**Jesus faced every temptation without sinning. This was due to the virgin birth.**

**Jesus was perfected through His suffering. This was due to His sinless death by execution.**

**Hebrews 5:9**

**We must learn obedience: God disciplines (chastises) us. We learn through our mistakes.**

Atoning sacrifice offered by man in the Old Testament was a demonstration of man's recognition of sin, humility, and neediness in regard to forgiveness and blessing from God. Atoning sacrifice was offered continually and showed a change in man toward an ever present repentance toward God. Atonement was a covering of the basics with regard to man's need.

Atoning sacrifice by man in the Old Testament did not change God's attitude toward man. It did not propitiate God's wrath against sin. It did not expiate sin. It did not buy forgiveness. The blood of bulls and goats did not take away sin. Atoning sacrifice was an action of faith on the part of man. When a man believes God, it is counted for righteousness. Able offered God a blood sacrifice and by his faith he was commended as a righteous man. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:1-6

God is pleased with sacrificial offerings. They are a soothing aroma because they represent a change in the repentant heart and faith toward God. Genesis 8:21 Romans 12:1,2

When God acts upon mankind or creation in a new way it is not because God has changed His mind. God has known His plans from before the beginning of creation. Genesis 8:21 is not an example of God changing His mind due to the offering presented by Noah. The offering was a soothing aroma because Noah was a man of faith.

God does bless repentant hearts and God does withhold blessing from the unrepentant. This does not represent a change in God but rather a change in man. God never changes.

Atonement in the Old Testament is different from reconciliation in the New Testament. Reconciliation through the blood of Jesus was a once for all sacrifice which is provisional for the whole world and judicial for the repentant born again believer in Jesus. By judicial I mean that Jesus is the believer's New Adam whereby they are made new creations in Christ.

Faith in God's promise is essential whether an Old Testament believer under "atonement" or a New Testament believer under "reconciliation."

God presented Christ as an action of mercy toward us through faith in His blood. God declared His righteousness that He might be just, and the justifier of all those who have faith in Jesus.

Believers are new creations in Christ. Believers are free from the power of the law of sin and death. Unbelievers remain under the power of the law of sin and death.

Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set me free from the power of the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2 also 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 8:30

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever does not believe in the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him. John 3:36

Believers will only be judged according to their works as new creations in Christ and only after they have received their glorified bodies. Glorification means that believers have been removed from all desire toward sin and are totally sinless and totally righteous. Only what was done for Christ under the direction of Christ and the power of Christ will last.

For we just all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds... 2 Cor. 5:10; also 1 Cor. 3:10-15

God judges believers according to each one's work... 1 Peter 1:17; Rom. 1:6-11

Unbelievers, having rejected the conviction of the Holy Spirit, are judged according to all their works having remained their whole life under the power of the law of sin and death.

Unbelievers are judged at the Great White Throne and are cast into the lake of fire.

Rev. 20:11-15

