

GOD'S SIN OFFERING OF JESUS

God sent Jesus to be the sin offering who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus lived and died sinless for the purpose of defeating sin, Satan, and death. Jesus died a physical death which condemned and defeated sin, but death could not hold Him. Jesus arose on the third day victorious over sin and death. On Sunday morning the stone was rolled away to show that He had risen. Romans 8:3 2 Cor. 5:21

Jesus died and arose from the dead revealing that God is trustworthy. Jesus arose with all power and authority to take away sin for any person who will believe and trust in Him. Matthew 28:18

To all who believe in Jesus and trust Him for right standing and peace with God, new birth and eternal life is entered into by the indwelling Spirit of God. This is the born again experience that Jesus said is required for entering into the Kingdom of God. John 3:3 This is the new life in Christ, the new creation, which Paul describes in 2 Corinthians 5:17. This is the mind of Christ indwelling the believer that Paul refers to many times. 1 Corinthians 2:16 Paul says in Romans 8:6 that the mind of the flesh is death but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace both now and forever. To know God is life. John 17:3

Jesus, Paul, Peter, and James all preached the same gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the sin offering that God gave to humanity. Jesus died sinless in defeat of sin. Jesus arose in victory. The believer in Jesus has eternal life indwelt and empowered by the Spirit in which we live in God's strength, God's resources, and God's purpose. The indwelling Spirit in man has always been God's design for life.

Without the indwelling Spirit of Christ in a person's life you can do nothing of eternal value. John 15:5 Any person who refuses the convicting work of the Spirit and fails to believe in Jesus, remains in the condition of living out of his own strength. Living in one's own strength always results in breaking God's laws for life. These laws for life are found in Exodus 20 and 1 Thessalonians 5. God desires that all would call upon Jesus and be changed to this newness of life. God never changes. God can be trusted. God desires restoration to life for all who are living in sin. Sin is the root of death.

Transgressions are the fruit of sin. Transgressions are the breaking of God's laws for life. Jesus says, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

God, in His incredible, indescribable love for us, gave the one and only sacrifice capable of paying the price for extracting us from our sins. God can be trusted. God will change us into new creations through Christ and "in Christ." By faith, believing, we can have this new life in Christ. Paul says that right standing with God is granted to all who believe and trust in God Who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. Romans 4:24