

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

He [God the Father] made Him who knew *no sin* to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him [God's [+R] is imputed at salvation].

Jesus' sacrifice is God's grace solution to give eternal life to any human that desires it, for *"there is salvation in ... no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved"* [Acts 4:12].

JOHN 3:36

He who believes in the Son [Jesus Christ] has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life [no eternal life], but the wrath of God abides on him [eternal separation in the Lake of Fire].

This eternal relationship is now irreversible, regardless of the Believer's subsequent lifestyle: *"I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand"* [Jn. 10:28].

ACTS 16:31

They [Paul and Silas] said, "Believe in the LORD Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household [they should do the same]."

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

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 [human] works, so that no one may boast.

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The Barrier

God exists and you know it! *“That which is known about God is evident within them ... so that they are without excuse”* [Rom. 1:19-20]! The Bible confirms the following facts:

- God is absolute Righteousness [+R] and absolute Justice: *“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne”* [Ps. 89:14]. Holy God is Perfect!
- Humans are sinners, *“there is no man who does not sin”* [1 Kngs. 8:46]. We possess a human righteousness [-r] that is absolutely unacceptable to God’s Perfect [+R]. *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* [Rom. 3:23].
- An insurmountable barrier exists between Perfect [+R] God and imperfect [-r] man. Compared to God, *“there is none righteous, not even one”* [Rom. 3:10].

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God’s Justice = Death

As a consequence of this absolute barrier, the Bible pronounces condemnation for all humanity, *“the wages of sin is spiritual death”* [Rom. 6:23]. At physical death the human soul is doomed to judgment and separation from Perfect [+R] God forever – *“it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment”* [Heb. 9:27].

From man’s viewpoint, there is no solution to this damnable sentence. The stark barrier between Perfect [+R] God and sinful [-r] man cannot be removed by any system of human works, morality, merit, ritual, or taboos, because relative to God’s Perfect [+R], *“all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment”* [Isa. 64:6].

Human [-r] + God [+R] = **NO**

– **Unacceptable to God** –

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Jesus Saves Us

“Things that are impossible with people are possible with God” [Lk. 18:27]. In His matchless love, God provided the solution to redeem mankind and sent us the sinless Messiah Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, who *“broke down the barrier of the dividing wall”* [Eph. 2:14] between God and man.

Jesus Christ suffered God’s just penalty for all sins – past, present, and future. *“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross”* [1 Pet. 2:24]. His substitutionary spiritual death while on the cross provides the free gift of eternal salvation to all who believe in Him, as they are instantly *“credited”* [Rom. 4:1-24] with God’s own Perfect [+R] and *“born again”* [Jn. 3:7] into His family!

Believer [+R] + God [+R] = **YES**

– **Acceptable to God** –

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