

The End of Sin

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Every person who has ever lived has sinned, except one. Sin is anything we say, do or think which goes against the will of God. There is a penalty for sin and that penalty is eternal death (or everlasting separation from God). Since God is holy and sinless, He will not allow sin into His eternal kingdom. When we physically die, our sin debt must be paid in order for us to live in God's kingdom. There are only two ways in which we can have our debt for sin paid.

We can pay for it on our own in a place called hell, a place outside of the presence of God. But there is a problem; once you enter hell, you can never leave because the sentence is everlasting. If you did not want to be in God's presence while you were physically alive, then you will have to accept being without Him forever, after you die.

The only other way to have the debt for your sin paid is to have someone else pay it for you. Since any sin separates us from God, the person who pays for our sin must be sinless. And since the penalty for sin is death, this sinless person would have to die for us – be a sacrifice for us.

The only sinless person who has ever lived was Jesus Christ. When He went to the cross to die, His purpose was to die for our sin, to pay the debt we owe. So when He was nailed to the cross, the sin of everyone (who accepts Jesus as their Savior) was put upon Him. Since sin was then upon Him, God the father separated Himself from Jesus, allowing Him to die with sin. Once Jesus died, He descended into hell for a short time. But being Jesus, the Son of God, He was able to take the sin and leave it in hell forever. Then He, being without sin again, ascended into heaven to be reconnected with God the Father.

Then Jesus returned to earth for 40 days in resurrection form, in a spiritually glorified body. This gives hope to those who truly accept Jesus as their Lord, as well as their savior, who now resides with God the Father. Jesus was the first to be resurrected and true believers will one day, upon their physical death, take on a spiritually glorified body as well, separated from their sin which will reside in hell forever. Since Jesus took our sin to hell, those who accept Jesus will not see hell, but go immediately to be with God in God's sinless heavenly kingdom.