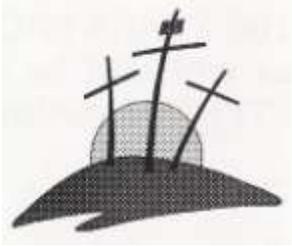


God's Word confirms this concerning Christ...  
*"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place **HAVING OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US.**"*  
*(Hebrews 9:12)*

God's PLAN of AMAZING GRACE was for Christ to die on the cross to pay for our sins **100%**. His last words were, **"IT IS FINISHED."** (John



19:30) The shed blood of Christ satisfied God to pay **sin's DEATH PENALTY** for sins. **God proved that to the whole world... by raising Christ from the dead.** (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3, 4)

**Christ Satisfied Justice.**  
**God now offers Grace.**  
**Amazing Grace!**

**PICTURE THIS...** You are being tried in court. The judge is your father. The jury gives the verdict... **GUILTY!** The Penalty, your choice, **DEATH** or a One Million Dollar Fine.

Stunned at the penalty, you plead, *"I don't want to die, I want to live but it is impossible for me to pay the One Million Dollar Fine."*

**Then something astounding happens.**

The judge says, **"Son, I love you, but you are guilty and justice must be satisfied."** The judge steps down from his bench. He goes to the court clerk and pays the one million dollar fine **FOR YOU**. Holding the payment, the clerk turns to you and says...

*"Will you accept his payment on your behalf? Will you accept GRACE offered by the judge? Or, do you choose death?"* That's the biblical picture of **OUR DEATH PENALTY** for sin being paid for by Christ.

***"For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the GIFT of God is eternal LIFE, through Jesus Christ our Lord."*** (Romans 6:23)

**Our human efforts, good works, etc., (like Adam & Eve's fig leaves) will not even help hide our sin from God or pay for our sins.**

*"For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*  
*(Ephesians 2:8, 9)*

Our wages of sin... DEATH, or God's GRACE... **are our only two options.**

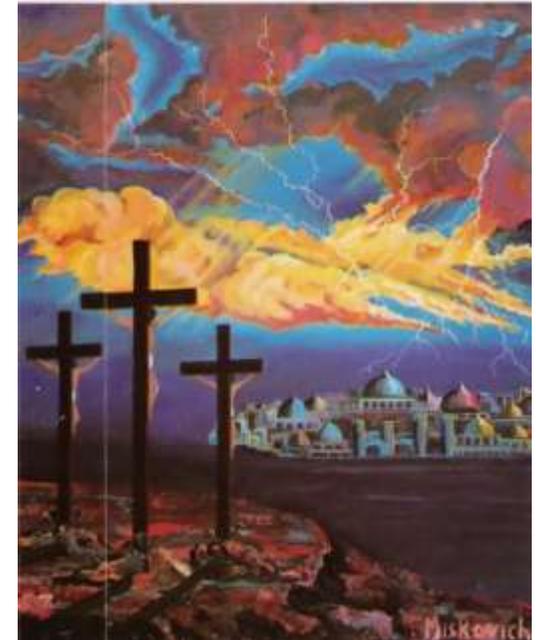
Do you want spiritual DEATH... eternal separation from God in Hell forever?  
 YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Will you accept God's GIFT of AMAZING GRACE and eternal life by trusting the death, the shed blood of Jesus Christ, as the total payment (100%) for your sins and salvation?  
 YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If you decided YES to Christ, read John 3:16 in your Bible and write what God promised you here: \_\_\_\_\_

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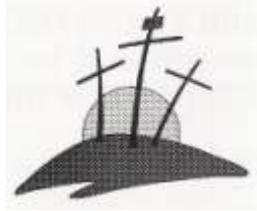
# Why did Christ die?



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## WHY?

Many people wonder, **WHY did Christ die.** WHY and HOW did His shed blood pay for our sins? **All those people deserve an answer.** So, let's take a trip through the Bible for the background, setting the stage for the death of Christ...



The Bible, God's Word, records the scene in the Garden of Eden, several thousand years ago. God created the Earth and all its inhabitants. (Genesis 1:1-31) God created Adam and Eve in an innocent condition and gave them a simple test for their trust and obedience.



God said they could eat of every tree EXCEPT the "tree of the knowledge of Good and evil." God promised that in the day they ate of that tree, **THEY WOULD DIE.** God put a DEATH PENALTY on their disobedience.



**THEN THE TEST CAME...**

Satan, in the form of a serpent, lied to Eve. He tempted her to eat of the forbidden tree and said, "... You shall not surely die. For God knows in the day you eat thereof, your eyes shall be as God's, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:1-5)

Did Satan tell the truth to Eve? **Partly.** He mixed truth with lie. It was true they would gain the knowledge of good and evil. Satan lied when he said they would not die. God said **they would die if they disobeyed.** Eve fell for that lie. She ate and invited Adam to eat, which he chose to do. (Genesis 3:6)

Their disobedience gave them the knowledge of good and evil. They were aware of their nakedness and performed the first human efforts to hide their sin. They tried to hide their nakedness with fig leaves. Knowing they had disobeyed God, when He came to fellowship with them, they hid from Him. Their fellowship with God was broken by unbelief in His warning of death for disobedience and their act of disobedience. (Genesis 3:7-13)

**Judgment came and these judgments have continued for all to see to this very day!** The serpent must now crawl on his belly in the dust of the earth. Woman must now suffer pain in childbirth. The ground must now grow thorns and thistles. Man must now sweat and WORK. **Humans must now physically DIE and return to the dust of the earth.** (Genesis 3:14-19)

### **THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE INHERITED ADAM'S SIN NATURE.**

Sinful humans could no longer fellowship with a Holy God. Man's sin had become a barrier, a great gulf separating him from God. Sinful man could never come into the eternal presence of a Holy God in a Holy, perfect, spotless, sinless Heaven. (Romans 5:12)

**But God had a plan of Grace and Redemption.**

God first demonstrated His PLAN of **AMAZING GRACE** there in the Garden of Eden. He shed an animal's blood and made coats of skins. Adam and Eve accepted the coats instead of their fig leaves. They accepted God's love and GIFT of GRACE instead of His JUSTICE. (Genesis 3:21)

**This was the first picture LOOKING FORWARD to what Christ was going to do for us.**

Throughout the rest of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, God said His **PLAN** of redemption and forgiveness was through **THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD.**

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

For thousands of years, people under the Law of Moses offered animal sacrifices. They were atonement (*temporary covering*) for sins.

Those animal sacrifices were pointing forward in time to Christ. As the Lamb of God, He would pay the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, John introduced Him to the world... "**Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.**" (John 1:29)



Peter wrote to the Christians, "You were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold... **but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**" (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18, 19)