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LIFE IS IN HIS BLOOD

The sin of Adam, the first man created by God in the perfection of God's image, brought the curse of death upon mankind. (Genesis Ch. 3.) It was both a physical death and spiritual death (severance of relationship to God spiritually). Adam had been created to live physically on earth forever. Sin took that away and brought the curse of death and the burden of sin upon all future generations. His disobedience to the one and only thing God had commanded him not to do caused this.

When bad things are willfully done, there is a penalty to pay. If a person robs a store and shoots the clerk, the law will judge him in court and judicate the penalty he must pay, prison or death. It is called justice.

Born into sin because of Adam, we are essentially in a spiritual prison bound to sin. God does not wish such spiritual darkness upon mankind, so He made a plan to free us from that darkness. He is a righteous and holy God. He cannot condone sin and evil. He is a just God and payment for sin must be made in order to set us free. What plan did He make to set us free from our bondage to sin?

The ultimate penalty for sin is death. Only a pure, righteous, and sinless blood could pay that penalty for all mankind. No human blood was sinlessly pure. Only Jesus' sinless blood would suffice. That was God's plan to redeem man from sin and restore relationship between God and man. Jesus, God the Son, was with God the Father in heaven. The Father sent the Son to be manifested as Jesus, the Son of man, in the flesh.

After teaching his followers for three and a half years about the kingdom of heaven, Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice on a Roman cross on the hill of Calvary outside Jerusalem. Jesus' sinless blood sacrifice became the ultimate payment for the penalty of mankind's sinful condition. That is how much He loves us. Jesus bore in his body on the cross the sin of all humanity. His shed blood paid the price of our redemption from sin and darkness.

His sinless blood redeems us individually when we acknowledge we are sinners, repent of our waywardness (sin) and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior we are redeemed. He died on that cross and three days later He was raised back to life. As we believe and put our faith in Him, his death, burial, and resurrection, then we too are resurrected from the death penalty of sin and receive newness of life in Him. After being risen from the dead Jesus was seen of many witnesses for 40 days and then ascended bodily into heaven. We, too will eventually die physically on earth, but our spirit that is born again lives on forever and will be there with him in heaven. All of this is the result of his great love for us.

Unfortunately, those who reject Jesus payment for their sin will have to pay for the penalty of their sin when their lives are over. Their destiny is torment in "hell," which is death's ultimate

prison where one is separated from God for eternity. God does not wish that upon anyone, but each person makes their own choice. In II Peter 3:9 it says, ***“The Lord is ...not willing (desirous) that any should perish, but that all should come (to Him) to repentance.”*** The choice is yours. Choose wisely.