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When Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, they lost their right to have dominion over anything. Satan moved in and took control over them and over the earth. He caused their first-born son Cain to have a heart that turned from God and killed his own brother Abel. Upon being confronted by God as to Abel's whereabouts, he said, in Genesis 4:9, **"...Am I my brother's keeper?"** It wasn't that God didn't know what had happened. I honestly believe God asked this question so Cain could confess his crime and perhaps receive restoration for his sin. Instead, he had no remorse. Abel's blood cried out from the ground, and it caused Cain to be immediately judged by God. He would be cast out and become a vagabond and a fugitive.

Every sin that is committed is or will be judged by God. Have you ever told a lie? How many lies does it take to be a liar? How about this, have you ever stolen anything? Even picking up a penny that doesn't belong to you makes you a thief. It tells us in Romans 6:23 that **"for the wages of sin is death..."** The wages, or earnings for sin, is death. Death in the flesh means separation from the body eternally. Death spiritually means separation from God for eternity. Both physical and spiritual death bring separation.

The first to die spiritually were Adam and Eve when they sinned. God told them when they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that they would surely die. (Genesis 2:17.) They didn't drop over dead physically when they ate of it, but the spirit of God departed from them immediately. The physical death came too, but it came after many years.

God created us to live forever. Mankind's fall through Adam's sin brought death to each of his offspring, including you and me. The only way back is to have your spirit born again and that can only happen when sinless blood pays for your sins. We don't have sinless blood because the scripture tells us this in Romans 3:23 **"that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."** No one can make it to heaven because of that sin. Yet, God had a marvelous plan to ransom us back from Satan.

God the Father gave Jesus the Son as a ransom to pay for our sin. His sinless blood bought mankind back from Satan. It only comes as a free gift, but it has to be received by faith. Once we acknowledge our sin and know we need a redeemer, then we repent of our sin and invite Christ to redeem us back. When this happens, our spirits are born again, and we are no longer owned by Satan. Praise God. Romans 6:23 also says, **"the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** Jesus is the only way to eternal life. No one else ever had sinless blood to redeem us.

We don't have to be like Cain and be a vagabond, wandering away from the God that created us. When we confess our sin, unlike Cain, we are restored to God and given eternal life. Praise God for his redeeming sinless blood. That is a reason to kick your heels up and shout Glory!