



Jesus, the Way Out

Rescue from the Penalty of Sin

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Without argument we live in a world racked by pain, suffering, heartache, disease, and death. Each movement of the clock brings to us the reality that this world is not getting any better. Adding to that scenario, political uncertainty, economic instability, international unrest, and the fear of rising terrorism, the future is bleak.

It would be wonderful if we could hit a reset button and go back to a world filled with total peace. It may be difficult to imagine but there was a time when sorrow was non-existent, and social harmony was uninterrupted. This earth was once a death and disease free environment. How could something so perfect turn out so bad? What went wrong? The Bible reveals that our world was infected by sin.

A rebellion broke out in heaven through a rogue angel named Lucifer. The sin that was born in his heart resulted in the deception of one-third of heaven's angels. The war that followed resulted in the expulsion of Satan and his angels. Adam knowingly accepted the fruit of rebellion and opened the door to sin. Death passed upon the human race through Adam's transgression. However, Jesus provided a way of escape from sin. It is by accepting Him that we receive the eternal blessing of salvation. One day sin and death will be eradicated and eternal peace will forever reign. As we prepare for that sin-free world of eternal joy, remember that *Jesus is the only way out*.

THE BIRTH OF SIN

- Ezekiel 28:12-17** - Lucifer was perfect until he chose to rebel against God.
- Isaiah 14:12-14** - Lucifer's aim was to replace God but it led to his fall.
- Revelation 12:7-9** - Satan and his angels were defeated and cast out of heaven.
- Luke 10:18** - Jesus said that Satan fell from heaven like lightning.

THE FALL OF MANKIND

- Genesis 3:1-4** - Satan lied to our first parents about God's Word.
- Genesis 3:5-7** - Adam and Eve sinned by accepting Satan's lies.
- Genesis 3:14** - The serpent received judgment for his role in the fall.
- Genesis 3:16-19** - Adam and Eve received the results of their sin.
- Genesis 3:22-24** - Adam and Eve were barred from Eden and the tree of life.

THE RESULTS OF SIN

- Romans 5:12** - Adam opened the door to sin and death.
- 1 Corinthians 15:22** - Adam transferred his sin nature to humanity.
- Genesis 3:8, 10** - Sin creates fear and leads us to hide from God.
- Isaiah 59:1, 2** - Sin creates a separation between us and God.
- Romans 3:23** - The power of sin has affected all humanity.
- Romans 6:23** - The affect of the sin nature is death.
- James 1:13-15** - The result of yielding to temptation is death.
- Romans 3:12** - Man did not inherit the ability to do good or to be good.
- Romans 6:16** - Sin is an enslaving power.
- Jeremiah 17:9** - Sin made the human heart deceitful and wicked.
- Genesis 5:5** - Adam was ultimately affected by the result of his choice.

THE RESCUE FROM SIN

- Genesis 3:9** - God did not abandon Adam and Eve in their sin.
- Genesis 3:15** - God predicted the ultimate victory over sin.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21** - Jesus paid for our sin that we might become righteous.
- Isaiah 53:5** - Our sin wounded Jesus but His death healed us.
- Romans 5:16-19** - Jesus reversed the sin of Adam through His righteousness.
- Romans 6:23** - God replaced the wages of sin with the gift of eternal life.
- 1 Corinthians 15:22** - Death through Adam was replaced with life through Christ.
- Romans 5:8-10** - Christ died to save us even before we accepted Him.
- John 1:12** - When we receive Jesus we become His children.
- Ephesians 5:8-9** - We are saved by the Grace of God, not by our works.
- 1 John 1:9** - Jesus will forgive and cleanse all that confess their sins.
- John 1:29** - Jesus came to take away the sin of the world.
- Hebrews 2:14-15** - Jesus will not only destroy the devil and sin but will free us.
- John 3:16-17** - Jesus' love does not condemn but saves the believer.
- 1 John 4:8** - Jesus came to show us that His Father is love.