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TITLE: Biblical Life Words: Living by God's Word: **THE CURE FOR SIN**
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Welcome back to our "mini-series" within our Sermon Series, remember our **foundational Scripture:**
2 Timothy 3:16-17:

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Today's sermon concludes a 3-week look at the word **SIN**--"**The CHOICE to Sin,**" followed by "**The COST of Sin.**" While the subject of **sin** is not often discussed, it is at the very heart of **the Gospel** message and must be dealt with!

So, today, we look at "**The CURE for Sin.**" Let me proclaim with full assurance that there is only One **cure** ... One **remedy** ... One **answer** for the **sin of all mankind—your sin—and my sin** and that single cure is found only in the **One Person, the Lord Jesus Christ. "Jesus Is The Answer!"**

Now, let's pray together and then get into God's Word!

I. LOOK

Let's begin to examine **The Cure for Sin** by **LOOKING** at a number of **Biblical References:**

Genesis 3:15: ***15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.***

Genesis 3:21: ***21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.***

Isaiah 53:3-6: ***3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. 4 Surely, He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.***

John 1:28-29: ²⁸ *These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.*

²⁹ *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

John 3:16-17: ¹⁶ *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* ¹⁷ *For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.*

John 14:6: *Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.*

Acts 4:10-12: ¹⁰ *Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole.* ¹¹ *This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.* ¹² *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

Romans 1:16: ¹⁶ *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Romans 5:8: ⁸ *But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 6:23: ²³ *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21: ¹⁷ *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* ²¹ *For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.*

1 Peter 1:18-19: ¹⁸ *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;* ¹⁹ *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

1 Peter 3:18: ¹⁸ *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

II. LEARN:

Learning Note 1: SELECT:

Genesis 22:1-14:

¹ *And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.*

² *And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I*

will tell thee of.

³ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

⁵ And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

⁷ And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

⁸ And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

⁹ And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

¹⁰ And Abraham stretched forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son

¹¹ And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

¹² And He said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Learning Note 2: STUDY:

1st Point: is that God does not “tempt” anyone with evil (**James 1:13**). The word “tempt” used here is best understood as “proved” or “tested.” God was testing the sincerity of Abraham’s faith while also presenting His spotless-eternal provision for all mankind in the possibility of restoring the relationship that was lost.

2nd Point: is that like Adam, Abraham, and the rest of humanity had made and would make the choice to sin--rebel against God--and would, therefore, suffer the **cost of that sin.**

Mc Dowell: “Abraham, like all of us, had sinned and was dead spiritually and separated from God. But in this dramatic example, God was showing him that in a miraculous plan in place by which Abraham and the rest of us could be brought back to spiritual life in exchange for another life.

*A blood sacrifice would be made in our place and, in a real sense, purchase our resurrection to a new life in relationship with God. But this “life for a life” exchange was very specific. **Leviticus 1:1-4** records Gods instructions given to Moses that he would in turn give to the children of Israel.*

Leviticus 1:1-4: ¹ And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, ² Speak unto the children of Israel, and

say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock. ³ If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD. ⁴ And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

*The priests were then instructed to offer the sacrifice before God--in place of--or as a substitute--for the person's sin. (In **Genesis 22**), the ram sacrificed before God was offered in place of Isaac. The priests offered burnt offerings and sin offerings to God so the Lord would "accept its death in your place."*

People were guilty of the sins, but the animal without defects became a holy sacrifice that God accepted. The death of the holy animal substituted for the death of the sinner.

3rd Point: *Mc Dowell: The annual sacrifices were not God's permanent solution to our dilemma of sin and death. They were only a symbol of what was to come. For the consequences of sin (death) to be reversed so we could be made alive to God, a more powerful and perfect sacrifice had to be made.*

The one and only way to be set free from the power of sin is by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. The shed blood and the death of Jesus Christ paid the price for man's atonement.

Romans 3:24-25 states:

*²⁴ Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God...*

This redemptive price brought total freedom so the person would never again be sold back into slavery. Redemption is the act of Jesus Christ freeing us from slavery to sin and death.

***Ephesians 2:4-5** speaks to this truth--*

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

*Our study section concludes with the reading from **Hebrews 9:11-12**:*

¹¹ But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

¹² 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.

Learning Note 3: SUMMARIZE:

Summary 1: Why talk about sin? Because, unless and until the world stops [we stop] redefining God's definition of sin, we will never admit to being sinners in need of saving and God only saves sinners sick with sin.

Summary 2: Remember, sin entered this world through the rebellious disobedience of Adam and Eve; their **choice to sin** spoiled God's perfect plan of fellowship with His creation in His perfect place, the Garden.

Summary 3: *Mc Dowell: While there is some disagreement over the distinction as to whether Christ "suffered for us" or whether He was punished instead of us," there is common agreement that through Jesus' death we are redeemed--forgiven of our sin, raised to new life, and reconciled to God.*

2 Corinthians 5:21: ***21 For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. This was a very high price for God to pay, but He considered you and me worth it.***

Summary 4: Why talk about sin? Well, among other reasons, "the wages of sin is death," death physically, death spiritually, and death eternally. Not a made for TV movie ... Real Life & Death!

Summary 5: Why talk about sin? Because we believe that Jesus Christ gave His life to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. Through His death on the cross, Jesus shed His spotless blood as our sacrifice to **redeem** us, that we might be **set free, forgiven, and united with our heavenly Father**; by His resurrection from the dead, we have new-eternal life in Him.

III. LIVE OUT:

3 Steps of Action:

Action Step 1: Whether you are Lost or Saved stop going "Woke" with the Bible; stop trying to re-write... re-interpret God's Holy Word! **John 3:16** is still God's message for the world!

Action Step 2: If you are saved, as a child of God, you are a member of His church and as a member of His church get busy doing what He told His church to do: Evangelize the Lost and as His Disciple, be a Disciple-maker of the saved, period.

Action Step 3: As a saved child of God, member of His church, you're also a soldier in God's army. Put on the armor of God, (**Ephesians 6:10-19**) and get to the front line, there's a spiritual war going on ... souls are eternally in need of the Good News of Jesus Christ!

CONCLUSION

"We believe the truth that Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, atoned for our sin through His death on the cross. And the offering of His blood as a sacrifice for sin redeems us so we are forgiven-set free-and He raises us to new life in Him."

INVITATION

"Come to Him, just as you are!"