

## The True Work of Christ

The New Testament has much to say about what Jesus did for the repentant sinner. I have provided a beautiful summary of his great soteriological work. Please take a few minutes to reflect on the glory of Christ, and then I would like to point out what it does not say.

### Jesus:

- 1) **Atoned for Sins** (Rom 3:25-36)
- 2) **Bore our Sins** (1 Pet 2:24, Heb 9:27-28)
- 3) **Cleanses the Heart by Faith** (Act 15:9, Heb 9:14)
- 4) **Cleanses Us from Confessed Sin Through Priestly Intercession** (1 Jn 1:7-9, Heb 7:24-28)
- 5) **Cleanses Us in Communion** (Matt 26:17-29, Matt 27:50-51, Mk 14:12-25, Lk 22:7-38, Heb 6:19-20, Heb 10:5-10, Heb 10:19-20, Eph 2:12-16, 1 Cor 1:28-33, 1 Cor 11:23-25)
- 6) **Circumcises the Heart from Sin** (Rom 2:28-29)
- 7) **Died for Sins** (1 Cor 15:3, 1 Cor 15:17)
- 8) **Died the Just for the Unjust** (1 Pet 3:18)
- 9) **Forgave & Redeems Us from Our Sins** (Eph 1:7, Col 1:13-14, Rom 3:21-31, Act 5:31, Acts 13:38-39)
- 10) **Gave Himself for our Sins** (Jn 10:15, Gal 1:4, Gal 2:20, Gal 3:13)
- 11) **Made Propitiation for Sins** (Rom 3:25, Heb 2:17, 1 Jn 2:2, 1 Jn 4:10)
- 12) **Made Purification for Sins** (Heb 1:3, 1 Jn 7-9, Tit 2:11-14, Ps 51:1-2, Heb 9:22)
- 13) **Makes Atonement as High Priest** (Heb 2:14-18, Heb 10:19-22, Heb 9:23-28)
- 14) **Nailed Past Sins to the Cross** (Col 2:12-14, Act 3:19)
- 15) **Offered Himself for Sin** (Heb 7:27, Heb 10:5-10)
- 16) **Put Away our Sins** (Heb 9:14, Heb 9:26, Heb 10:12)
- 17) **Ransomed Us through the Life & Blood of Christ** (Matt 20:28, Mk 10:45, 1 Tim 2:6, 1 Pet 1:18-19, Heb 9:22-24, Rev 5:9)
- 18) **Reconciles Us by Christ's Death & Blood** (Rom 5:10, Col 1:20-22)
- 19) **Reconciles Jew and Gentile to God & All Things** (Eph 2:16, Col 1:20)
- 20) **Redeemed Gentiles from the Curse**. The promise to Abraham (Gal 3:8, 13-14, Gen 12:1-3, 7, 13:14-17, 15:1-7, 15:12, 15:18, 17:1-8, 22:15-18)
- 21) **Redeemed Jews and Gentiles from the Law of Moses** (Gal 4:4-6)
- 22) **Redeems First Covenant Transgressions** (Heb 9:15)
- 23) **Rescues Us from the Dominion of Darkness and Brings us into Christ's Kingdom** (Col 1:13-14, Psa 2:6-7, Isa 9:6, Dan 7:14, Zech 9:9, Act 8:12, Act 28:31, 2 Pet 1:11)
- 24) **Sacrificed for Sins** (Heb 10:10-14, Heb 9:11-12, Tit 2:14)
- 25) **Redeems & Saves his People** (Matt 1:21, Lk 1:68, Ti 2:14)
- 26) **Saves and Calls Sinners** (1 Tim 1:15, Matt 9:13)
- 27) **Set Us Free from Lawlessness & Sin** (Titus 2:11-14, Rom 6:18)
- 28) **Suffered for Sins** (1 Pet 3:18, Rom 4:25, 1 Pet 4:1)
- 29) **Shed The Blood of the Covenant for Remission of Sins** (Matt 26:28, Rom 3:24-25, Rom 4:25, Eph 1:7, Rev 1:5)
- 30) **Takes Away Our Sins** (1 Jn 3:5, Rom 11:27)
- 31) **Washes Us From Our Sins in Christ's Blood** (Rev 1:5, Rev 7:14, Zech 13:1)
- 32) **Washes through Regeneration** (Tit 3:4-7, Rom 8:9-14)

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33) **Washes/ Purified Us in the Rebirth** (Tit 3:4-7, Jn 3:3-8, 1 Pet 1:23)

34) **Washed Sanctified & Justified In Christ & the Spirit through Faith** (1 Cor 6:11, 1 Cor 1:2, 1 Cor 1:30, Act 26:18, 2 The 2:13, Heb 2:11, 1 Pet 1:2, Rom 3:28-30, Rom 4:5)

35) **Washing in Water, Saved & Sanctified in Baptism** (Eph 5:26, 1 Pet 3:2, Matt 28:19, Mk 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Rom 6:4-6, 1 Cor 12:13, Gal 3:27, Col 2:12)

Now that we have reflected on his glorious work let's discuss what the Bible never says. I provide an extreme warning: what I am about to say is so entrenched in evangelical thinking that your immediate response will be shock and disbelief. Are you ready?

Nowhere in the Bible does it ever say- "JESUS PAID THE PENALTY FOR OUR SIN", and I challenge anyone to provide such a verse in the Old or New Testament.

I hear this expression all the time. I hear it in the pulpits, and it is standard jargon in the evangelical church, yet this statement and supporting doctrine are very unbiblical.

This is another example of the church being infiltrated by heretical teachings.

If this doctrine is true, then every Christian can sin with impunity. Your past, present and future sins are automatically not held against you since the penalty for sin has already been paid.

This theology says that if you murder, the penalty is paid, and you are Scott-free. Is this rational, logical or biblical? It is not. How can God be just and fail to execute judgment when justice is demanded? Paul says in **Gal 6:6-7** *Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*

This penalty-paid heresy is widely accepted today in much of the Evangelical Church, as it was in Paul's day. He and others combated this lie with the following warnings.

Please review the following verses that refute the penalty paid heresy.

Warning Against Faithlessness (Not continuing to listen, believe and obey)

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| 1) James 5:19-21  | Turn brother from sin and save his soul                          |
| 2) Gal 5:16-21    | Walk in the flesh, and you will not inherit the kingdom          |
| 3) Gal 6:7-8      | Don't be deceived. You reap what you sow. God is not mocked      |
| 4) Eph 5:5-6      | No impure person has an inheritance in the kingdom               |
| 5) 1 Cor 6:9-12   | The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom                     |
| 6) 1 Cor 10:6-13  | Take heed if you fall, you may be destroyed                      |
| 7) 2 Pet 2:20-22  | Better not to know the way of righteousness than to turn from it |
| 8) Col 1:21-22    | Must stay in the faith and walk in reconciliation                |
| 9) John 15:5      | Must abide in Christ, or you will be thrown in the fire          |
| 10) Rom 2:4-8     | Must walk in patience, and seek immortality                      |
| 11) Rom 6:15-17   | Must be a slave to righteousness, not sin                        |
| 12) Rom 8:13-14   | Walk according to the flesh, and you will die                    |
| 13) 2 Tim 4:6-8   | Must fight the fight and keep the faith                          |
| 14) 1 Cor 9:24-27 | Must remain disciplined, or you will be disqualified             |

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15) 1 Thess 4:3-8	Sanctification and holiness are not optional
16) 1 Tim 4:1	Don't depart from the faith for teachings of demons
17) Heb 2:1-3	Don't drift away
18) Heb 3:6b	Hold fast
19) Heb 3:7, 15, 4:7	Do not harden your heart
20) Heb 3:12	Do not fall away because of an unbelieving heart.
21) Heb 3:13	Do not be hardened by sins deceitfulness
22) Heb 3:14-15	Hold confidence, hear his voice do not harden your heart.
23) Heb 3:18-19	Cannot enter his rest if you enter into unbelief
24) Heb 4:1-2	The gospel benefits those united by faith and listen
25) Heb 4:6-7	Cannot enter his rest if disobedient
26) Heb 4:11	Strive to enter his rest through obedience
27) Heb 5:9	Jesus is the source of salvation for those who obey him
28) Heb 6:4-6	Do not fall away to the point of contempt
29) Heb 6:11-12	Faith and patience inherit Christ's promises
30) Heb 7:25	Draw near, receive intercession, stay connected
31) Heb 10:23	Hold fast your confession, don't waiver, then you will receive
32) Heb 10:28-31	Walking away from sanctification results in God's vengeance
33) Heb 10:38-39	Shrink back you will be destroyed
34) Heb 10:36	Need endurance, must do the will of God to receive his promises
35) Heb 12:1	Set aside sin and run with endurance
36) Heb 12:10	Accept the Lord's discipline, and you will share in his holiness
37) Heb 12:14	Strive for holiness, or you will not see the Lord
38) Heb 12:15	Don't fail to obtain the grace of God by a root of bitterness
39) Heb 12:25	Refuse to listen, and you will not escape his judgment

The penalty-paid theology is a diabolical lie called the gospel of divine accomplishment. The true gospel is the gospel of divine transformation. (See Article 2 @ [www.breakfreeapologetics.com/articles](http://www.breakfreeapologetics.com/articles)).

May I suggest you read the 39 references above in context? These and the testimony of the entire Bible do not support the Penalty Paid Evangelical Doctrine.

The devil has sowed seeds, and most of the church has planted and watered his doctrine.

The Bible reveals that the path to eternal life is entering and staying in a relationship/fellowship with the Father through Christ. We enter this relationship when we are baptized into Christ, dying to our old way of life (Acts 8:12, 36,38, 9:19, 10:44-48, 16:15,33, 18:8, 19:3-5, 22:16, Rom 6:1-14, 1 Cor 12:12-13, Gal 3:25-27, Col 2:12-15, Titus 3:5-6, 1 Pet 3:20). The full story on baptism is at [www.breakfreeapologetics.com/articles](http://www.breakfreeapologetics.com/articles) # 5.

At baptism, we are forgiven and added to the church. (Acts 2:38) Our ongoing membership requires our faithfulness to Christ as our Lord, King and Priest. Christians are required to stay in a relationship with the Father through Christ, as all 39 scriptures above reveal. Atonement for sin is only available to those in relationship with Christ as revealed in **1 Jn 1:6-7** It says, *If we say*

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we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Do not be deceived if you do not practice the truth. You are not in a relationship and, therefore, cannot receive cleansing from your sin. **1 Jn 1:9** says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Why would you need ongoing forgiveness of sins if the penalty has already been paid? The answer is that you would not. Penalty-paid theology is transactional, not relational. Love and obedience are not transactional.

Do not be deceived. Christianity is about a relationship with the Father through his Son in the power of the Holy Spirit, evidenced below:

- 1) If you Love me, keep my Commands, then you can receive the Holy Spirit Jn 14:15-17
- 2) Love Preserves 1 Cor 13:1-7
- 3) Love Fulfills the Law of God Gal 5:13-14
- 4) Taught by God to Love 1 Thess 4:9
- 5) If Love you are in the Light 1 Jn 2:10-11
- 6) If you Love God, you must Love your Brother 1 Jn 4:21
- 7) God's children love God by carrying out his Commandments 1 Jn 5:2
- 8) What counts is Faith expressing itself through Love Gal 5:6
- 9) Must practice the truth 1 Jn 1:6-7
- 10) If God is your Father, you will love Christ Jn 8:42, 14:2-24
- 11) My command is to Love One Another Jn 15:11-14
- 12) If you don't Love the Lord, be accursed 1 Cor 16:22

Stop perpetrating the lie. Jesus did not Pay the Penalty for Sin. If you keep saying this, you are helping Satan deceive the church. Jesus made it possible for us to be forgiven and be in a relationship with the Father through faith. This only happens if we listen to, believe in and obey Christ. The Apostle John put it this way in **John 3:36**: *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

Do not miss the connection between belief and obedience. Paul put it this way in **Rom 1:5**, *through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among the nations.*

We are saved by faith. Faith means that you listen, believe and obey God. Do not be deceived.

I close with Jesus' direct words in **Rev 3:3-6** **Remember** then what you received and heard. **Keep it, and repent.** If you **will not wake** up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour **I will come against you.** 4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they **are worthy.** 5 The one **who conquers** will be clothed thus in white garments, and **I will never blot his name out of the book of life.** I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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### A Few Questions:

- 1) Why would a believer need to be worthy if their penalty was paid?
- 2) Why is Jesus calling his Church to repentance with a promise not to blot their name from the Book of Life?
- 3) Under penalty-paid theology, your name cannot be removed from the Book of Life, so why is Jesus saying your name could be removed?
- 4) Why is Jesus saying he will only confess the names of the worthy before his Father?
- 5) Jesus says that only those who conquer will be clothed in white.
- 6) Why will Jesus fight against those who do not wake up?
- 7) Do you have ears to hear? Will you believe Jesus, or will you continue to believe the lie of penalty-paid theology?

'If you want a true understanding of Biblical Christianity, please read my "In Defence of Biblical Christianity" articles at [www.breakfreeapologetics.com/articles](http://www.breakfreeapologetics.com/articles).

Start with articles 4, 5 and 2, followed by the rest.

May God help the organized church embrace and teach the truth, not Satanic deceptions.

Please unlearn the lies.