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welcome to...
Who is the Lamb?

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Introduction

“Who is the Lamb?”

Go with me into history, chronologically, through the Bible, and look at other people and how the Lamb related to their lives. See how God met them in their suffering and pain, and ask yourself, “What role did the Lamb play?”

Then evaluate if the question “**Who is the Lamb?**” has ever been in your heart, or should be in your heart.

Why the Bible? The Bible is the *only* complete history of any culture, race, or nation. The Hebrew history is recorded from the beginning of man, thousands of years into the First Century AD. China, Africa, the Americas, Britain, and all cultures and nations have gaps in their recorded history.

The Bible shows how God interacted with man. The Bible is the only document that has 100% accurate prophecies of many key historical events in history. The Bible is honest. It shows man’s failures. It shows how God responds to those failures. It has a multitude of historic stories having to do relationships, wars, and human struggles. It allows us to relate in an honest way to God and history.

The Bible tells the story about the Lamb and will answer the question, “**Who is the Lamb?**” We think you will enjoy this exciting journey as you watch how the Lamb has affected so many people in history.

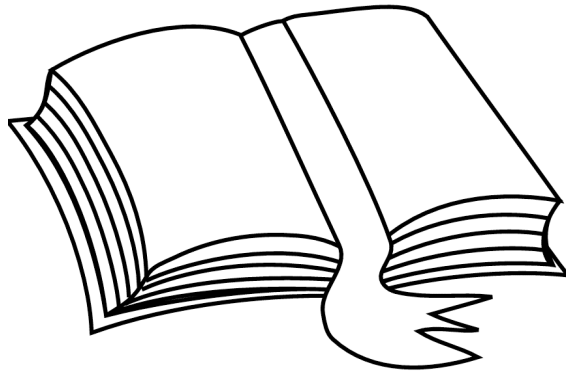
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Chapter 1

The Bible

God wanted to talk with the people He made. He decided to put His Words written into a book called the Bible.

The Bible is called, “The Word of God.”



How did God get His Word into a book?

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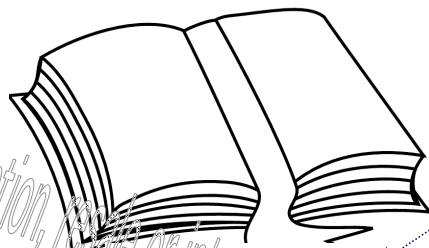
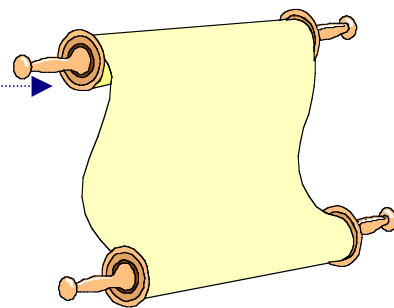


“All Scripture is God-breathed...” (2 Timothy 3:16). (Hebrews 1:1)

1. God spoke to the prophets.



2. The writers made copies.

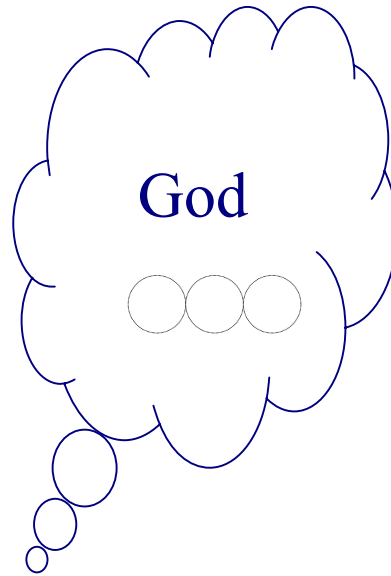


3. Today's Bible

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Chapter 2 God

“In the beginning God...” (Genesis 1:1).

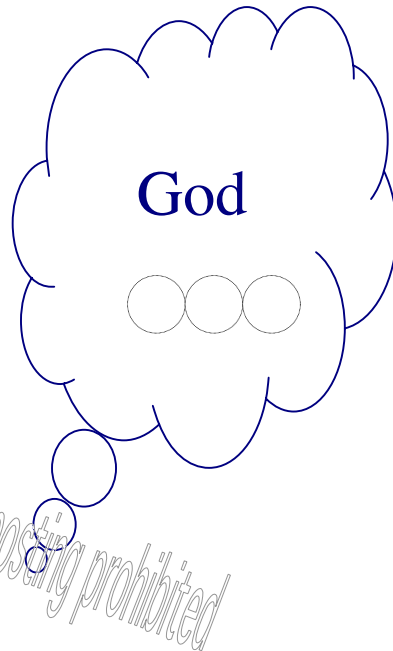


God is eternal. He had no start, and has no end.

Some facts about God.

1. **His name is I AM.** (Exodus 3:14)
2. **His name is Lord.** (Jeremiah 10:6)
3. **His name is The Most High.** (Psalms 83:18)
4. **There is only one God.** (Isaiah 44:6)
5. **God is a spirit.** (John 4:24)
6. **No one made God. He was always alive.** (John 1:1-3 and Genesis 21:33)
7. **He is all-powerful.** (Luke 1:37)

8. **He knows all things.** (Psalms 147:5)
9. **He is always here.** (Jeremiah 23:23-24)
10. **God cannot be defeated by His enemies.**
11. **God is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** (Galatians 5:22-23)
12. **God is always good to people, even to bad people.**
He destroys His real enemy Satan. (Revelation 20:10)
13. **God does not overcome bad people by destroying them.** (Romans 12:21)



Chapter 3 Angels

God is great! He created all living being, including angels.



Angels were created to be God's servants. After God created man, *God sent angels on special missions to help people.*

The word "angel" means messenger or servant. They are God's helpers.

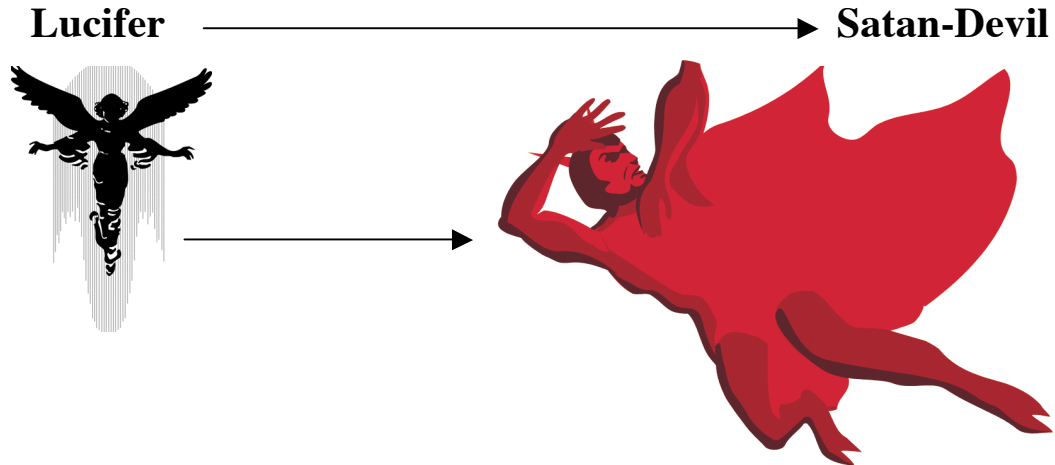


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God Created Angels

God is good, perfect and holy. Everything God created is good. All of the angels were good; none were evil.

Lucifer was an angel. He became bad. (Ezekiel 28:15)



Lucifer wanted to be like God. Lucifer said, "...I will be like the most High God" (Isaiah 14:14).

God gave Lucifer a new name, *Satan*.

The Bible tells us that 1/3 of the angels now serve Satan (Lucifer).

God removed Satan and his followers (called demons) from their position as God's servants.



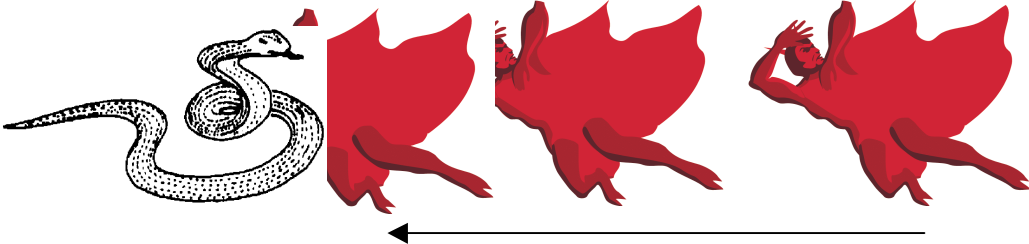
Satan and his demons fight against God. Satan is a liar and a deceiver. He hates man. God is truth. He loves man. (John 8:44)

Satan and demons pretend to help people, but they only want to kill, steal, and destroy. Demons torment people. (John 10:10)

Satan pretended to look like a snake. He pretends to look like many things.

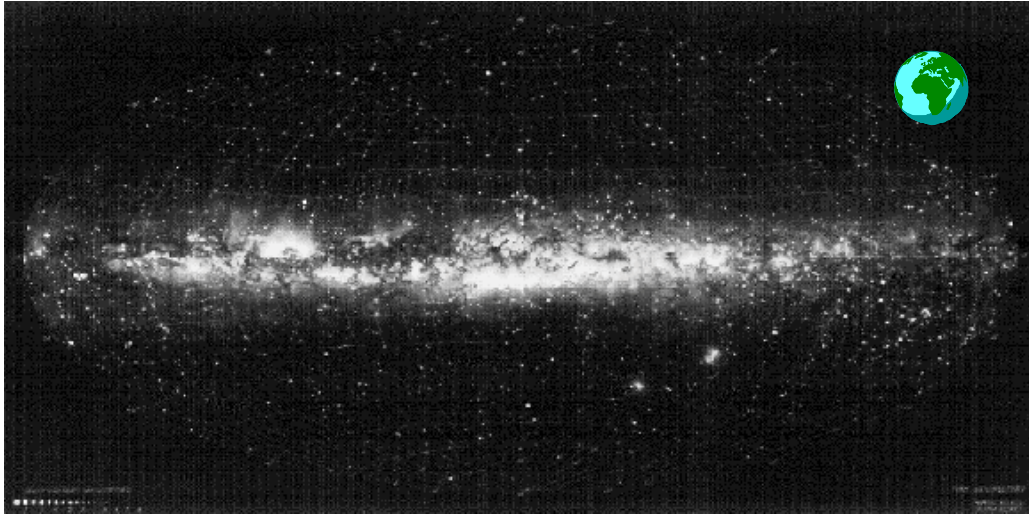
Snake

Satan



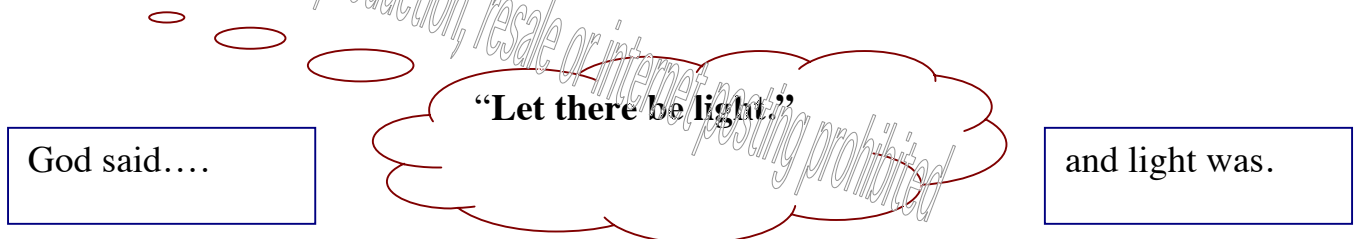
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Chapter 4 Creation



1. **“In the beginning God** created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1).

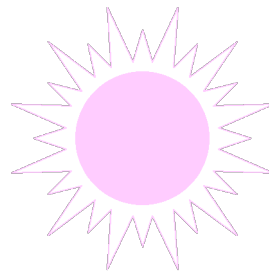
2. **God made the heavens and earth out of nothing.** “Created” means “to make out of nothing.” He did not need anything but His Word to create. When God spoke His Word, everything was created out of nothing.



3. **God is all-powerful.**

4. **God is all-knowing.**

5. **The first “day” God created light.**



6. The second day He created the firmament. This is a layer in the sky made up of several things, including water. This was also called the atmosphere.

7. The third day God created dry land, ocean and all the plant life and seed. (Genesis 1:9-13).



8. God is love. "...the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17).

God wanted us to enjoy all the things He made. He gave us plants for food, and He even put seeds in them so that they could reproduce.

9. The fourth day God created the sun, moon, and stars.



10. The fifth day God created all sea life and birds.

11. The sixth day God created the animal world.

“Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth the living creature...’ (Genesis 1:24,25).



12. The sixth day God created man. “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...(Genesis 1:26).

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7).



Adam had God’s Holy Spirit in him.

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Chapter 5 Man

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27). The word “man” is Adam. “Man” man and woman (wo-man).

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7).



God put His Holy Spirit in Adam so that they could have close friendship.



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Why did God create man different from the animals? Why did God make man in His own “image?” It is because God wanted friendship with him. God wanted to talk with him; He wanted to talk to man and have man talk to Him as friends do. Animals could not know God; they could not talk to Him. God put His Spirit in the first man, Adam, so that they could be friends.



He created the Garden of Eden, and put everything in it that Adam needed.



“Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’” (Genesis 2:15-17).

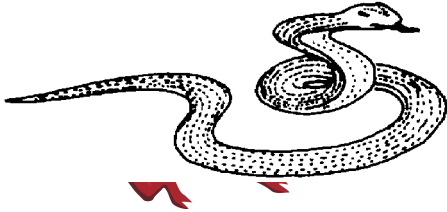
He did not want Adam to be alone, so He brought Eve out of his side, and then joined them again in marriage.

“...then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to Adam (Genesis 2:22).



Chapter 6 Man sinned

The trial period for Adam and Eve.



Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?' (Genesis 3:1).

The Devil, Satan, pretended to be a snake. He told Eve that she *should* eat from the



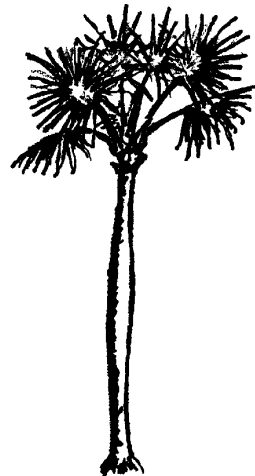
Tree that God told them not to eat from. He fooled Eve and she ate the bad fruit and gave it to Adam, her husband. They did not obey God. (Genesis 3:1-6)

Satan still fools people. Satan was calling God a liar.

Tree of Life-
the Word of
God



Tree of Knowledge of
Good and Evil-our
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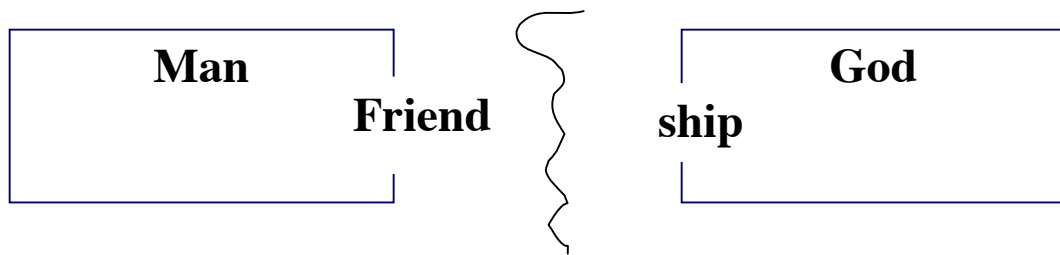


Adam and Eve stopped loving God. They chose to live without God.

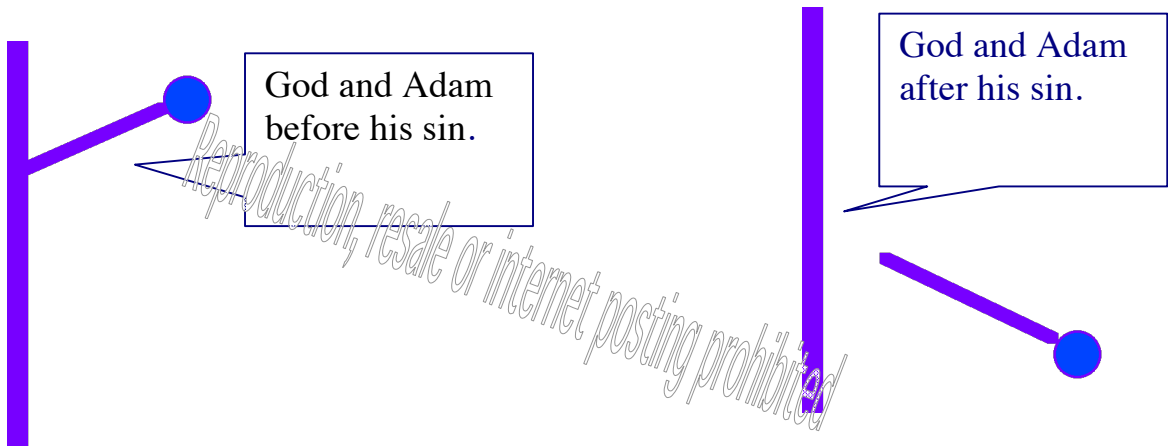
Living without God is called sin.

Sin brings death. Death is separation.

Adam was separated from God.



God was not punishing Adam. Adam disconnected himself from God.



Adam and Eve tried to cover their sin and shame.

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings” (Genesis 3:7).

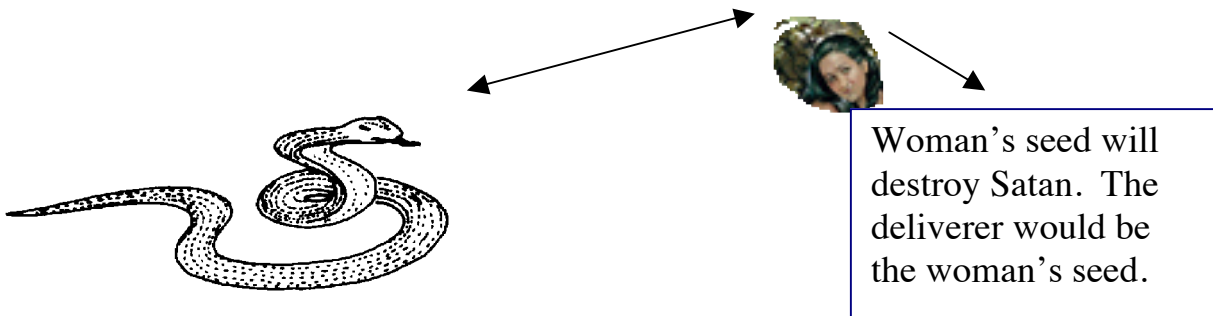


Sewing leaves together to cover our shame is like trying to make up a religion to please God.

God had a different plan. He did not accept the fig leaves.

God loved Adam and Eve so much that He told about a ***promised deliverer*** that would die in Adam's place. God wants to help people who are hurting, even if they hurt themselves.

God promised Adam and Eve that one of their distant children would be the ***promised deliverer***, and that He would defeat Satan. (Genesis 3:15)



However until the *promised deliverer* would come, God killed an animal to give Adam a covering for his sin.

God shed the blood of an innocent animal so that Adam could live.

“Who is the Lamb?”

“Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made coats of skin, and clothed them”
Genesis (3:21).



God told Adam he would die if he disobeyed Him. Sin always brings death. Death means separation.

The Lord would not let Adam and Eve back into the Garden of Eden. (Genesis 3:22-24).



God was being good to Adam and Eve. If they could live forever on earth being separated from God, they would be very unhappy forever.

Chapter 7 Cain and Abel

Genesis Chapter 4:1-15

The first two children of Adam and Eve were named Cain and Abel. Abel raised sheep and Cain had a garden with fruit.

Adam and Eve taught both boys to bring an animal offering to God for their sin so that they could be connected to God and be good friends with Him.



Abel brought an animal to God.

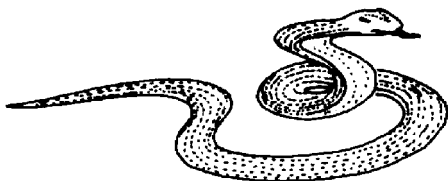
Cain brought only fruit from his garden.

The Lord God accepted Abel's animal offering and the blood that was shed.

The Lord God did not accept Cain's fruit offering.

The Lord gave Cain a second chance and told him to bring an animal. (Genesis 4:7).

God warned Cain that, "sin was crouching at your door."

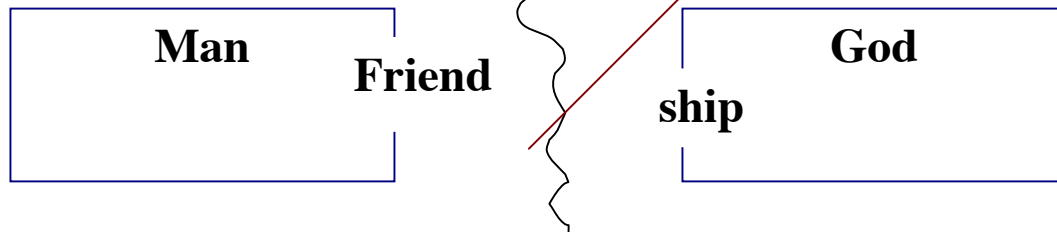


Cain did not obey this warning from God.
Cain killed his brother Abel while they were in the field.



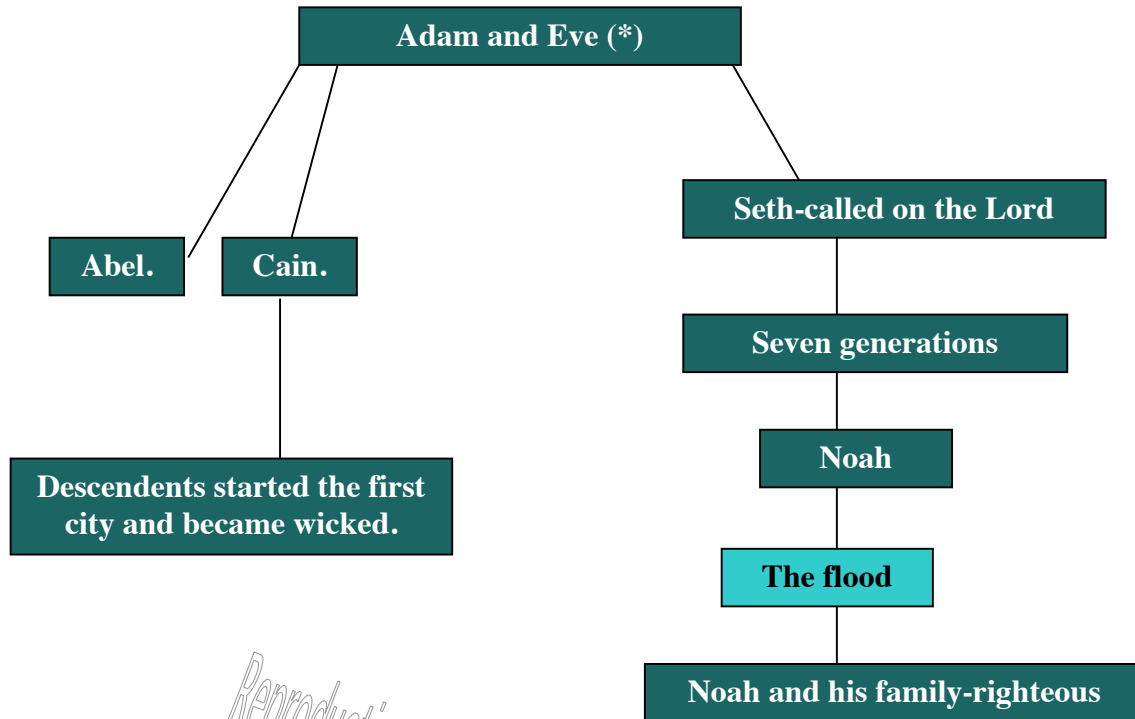
Cain tried to please God with his fruit. God wanted a blood sacrifice. Abel brought his blood sacrifice.

God's way to have a close friendship with people is to shed *innocent* blood for their sin.



Chapter 8 Noah

Here are the generations from Adam to Noah.



The people had become very evil and wicked. (Genesis 6:5,6)

They got drunk, had sex parties, and participated in many other ungodly acts.



God was deeply hurt because He loved man so much. Would your father or mother be hurt if you were living an evil life?

Would you be hurt if your children were living an evil life?

Noah was a good man. Noah was friends with God. Noah gave birth to three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. But Noah was still in need of a Lamb. (Genesis 6:9-10).

“But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD” (Genesis 6:8).

Grace means that God gave Noah something that Noah did not deserve or work for. Grace means that we do not receive a punishment that we really deserve to get.

Why did Noah find grace in the eyes of God?

Noah offered an animal to the Lord with a blood sacrifice. Noah had faith in the *promised deliverer*. (Genesis 8:20).

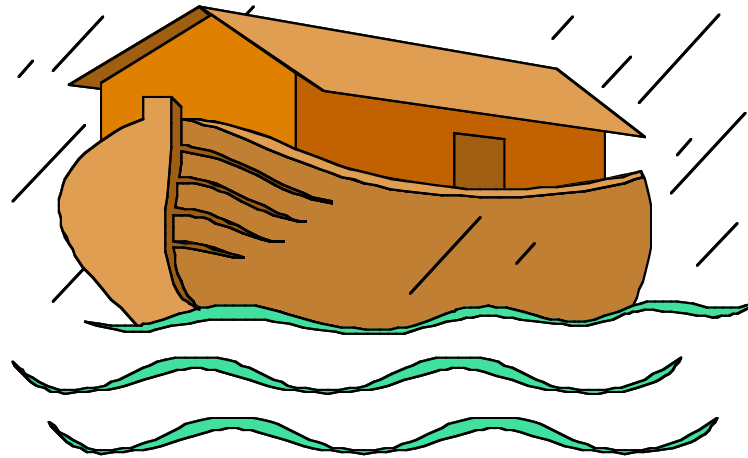


Noah was a man who offered blood sacrifices to the Lord God. “...Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:9).



God told Noah to make an ark, or a boat. (Genesis 6:14).

Here was God's plan. Noah would build a boat, or an ark. God gave Noah the exact sizes for the ark.



God told Noah to take his household and enter the ark. He told him to take the animals and food for all his family and for the animals.



But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark--you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you" (Genesis 6:18).

“... And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights” (Genesis 7:11,12).



After 150 days, the flood stopped. (Genesis 8:3,4).



“So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him [after being in the ark one year and ten days]” (Genesis 8:18).

God promised Noah to never destroy the earth with a flood again. (Genesis 8:20,21).



God has a plan for His friendship with man. The blood of an innocent animal is pointing to the *promised deliverer*.



Friend — ship

Chapter 9 Abraham

God speaks to common men and women. He spoke to Abraham and told him to leave his family and his security and go to a new country. He told him to just go not knowing exactly where his destination would be. (Genesis 12:1-3)



Abraham met God, the Creator. Why?

God has a plan to bring His *promised deliverer*.

Path of *promised deliverer*. Adam > Seth > Several generations > Noah > Shem > Seven generations > Nahor > Terah > **Abraham** > Isaac > Jacob > Judah > Several generations > David >.

God knew that Abraham would listen and obey. “So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him...”(Genesis 12:4).



God promised to give Abraham a big family to bless all people.

This would seem impossible to Abraham because he and his wife could not have children. (Genesis 15:1-6)

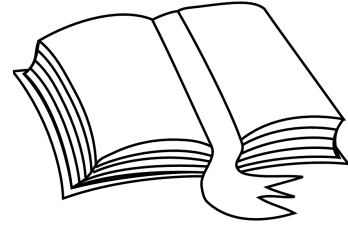
God gave Abraham the gift of friendship because Abraham believed Him. (Genesis 15:6).



God promised Abraham that the *promised deliverer* would come through his seed, his children, even though he was without children. (Genesis 12:3).

Abraham could not figure out how that could happen, but he believed, and by faith Abraham became righteous.

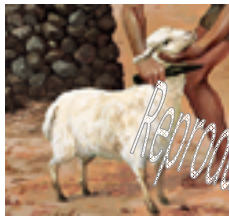
Faith is believing God's Word.



Most religious people think that we must keep laws and eat certain things or pray a certain way to be righteous with God. That is not God's plan.

We can never act good enough to earn God's love. He loves us and gives us grace through faith in His Word.

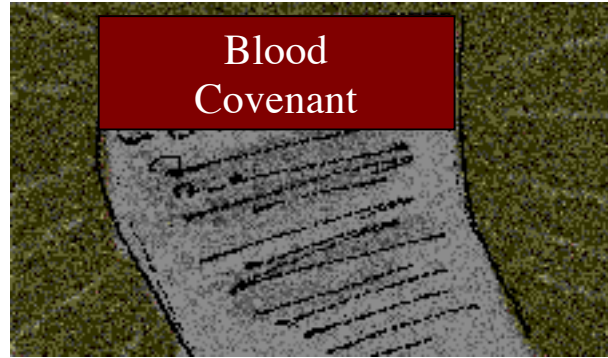
That is God's plan. We cannot earn His friendship and love. We can only accept His *promised deliverer*. We can only trust in the blood of an innocent life to pay for our sin.



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Abraham believed, but a long time went by and he was having a hard time believing. (Genesis 15:8).

God helped his faith by making a blood covenant. (Genesis 15:1-17), (Hebrews 6:13).



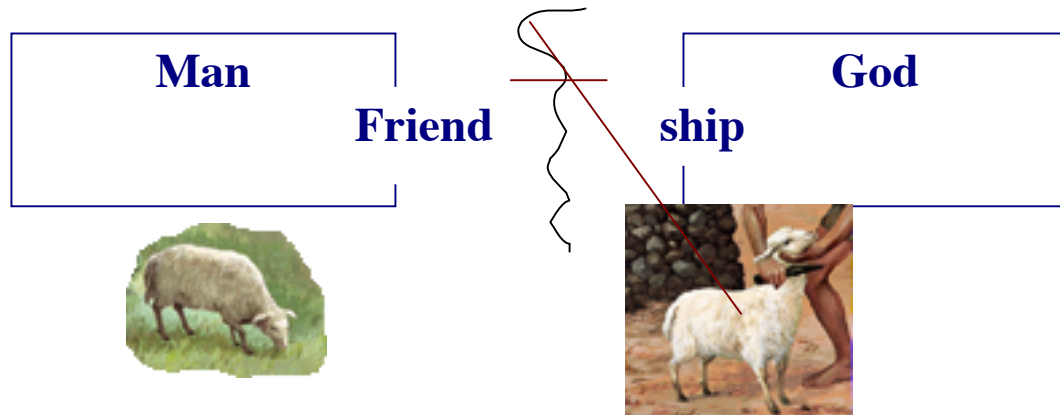
God told Abraham cut animals down the middle and place them to form a path for the blood to flow.



This covenant was another sign of the *promised deliverer*. Remember that God requires death for sin, but He loves man so much that He had a way of transferring that death to an innocent victim.

Chapter 10 Abraham and Isaac

God's plan is to restore fellowship with man. His plan is to transfer the sin of man to an innocent victim.



So far, God has used an innocent and perfect animal to shed blood for man's sin. But that is not the final solution, it is only a sign pointing to the *promised deliverer*.

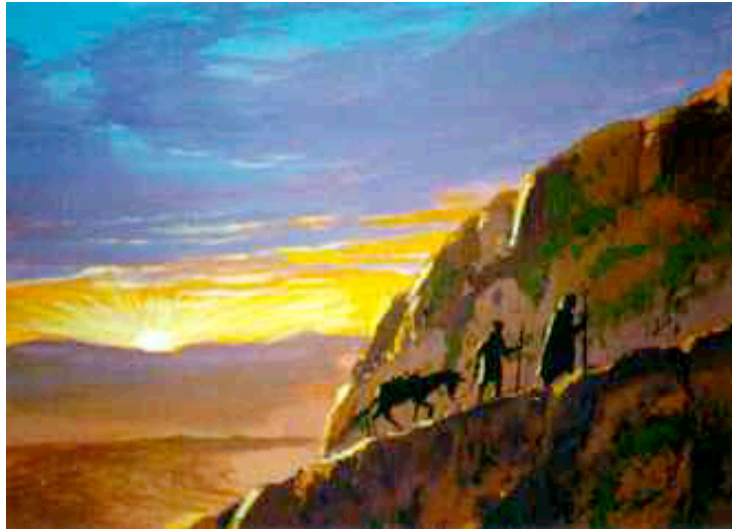
God promised Abraham that the *promised deliverer* would come through his son Isaac.

(Genesis 17:19).

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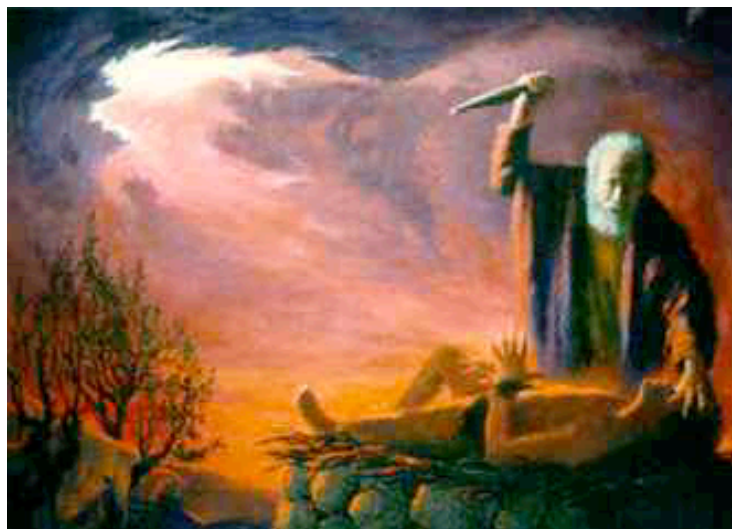
“Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you’” (Genesis 22:1,2).

Why would God ask Abraham to do such a thing? Why would He ask His blood covenant friend to sacrifice his only son?



“So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.’ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together” (Genesis 22:3-6).

“But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, ‘My father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ Then he said, ‘Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?’ And Abraham said, ‘My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.’ So the two of them went together” (Genesis 22:7,8).



God told Isaac that God Himself would provide the lamb. This was another sign of the *promised deliverer* that God Himself would provide (Genesis 22:8).



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“But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ So he said, ‘Here I am.’ And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me’” (Genesis 22:11,12).

“Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide [Jehovah Jireh]; as it is said to this day, In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided.” (Genesis 22:13,14).



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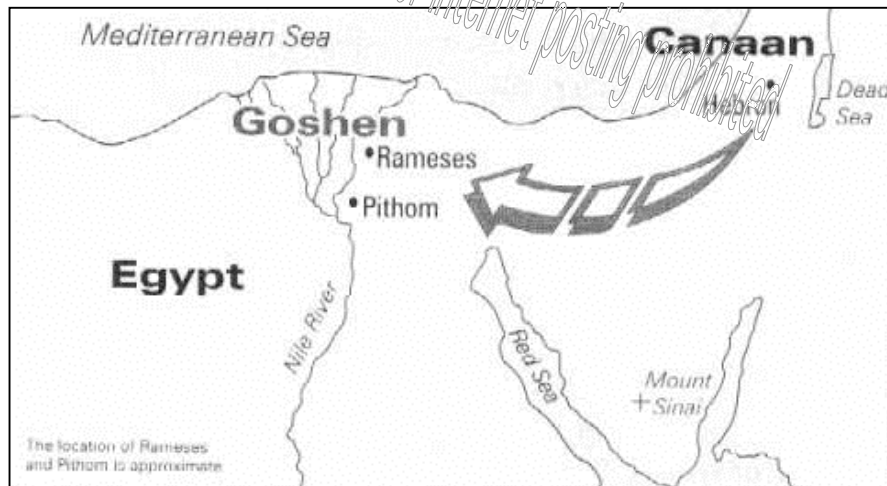
Chapter 11 Joseph

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived in Canaan (what we know today as Israel). His brothers sold Joseph, one of Jacob's sons, into slavery. He ended up in Egypt as a slave, however he eventually became the main governor of Egypt under Pharaoh.



Joseph stayed close to God and God used him to prepare the way for his family, the Israelites, to survive. Remember that the *promised deliverer* is coming from this family.

Egypt. Famine hit Jacob and his family in Canaan and he, along with his sons and their families moved into Egypt. There were only seventy people in his family at this time.



When Jacob's brothers reached Egypt, they were at the mercy of Joseph who they had sold into slavery. But Joseph forgave them. (Genesis 45:4-8).



In spite of the evil done to Joseph by his brothers, it is amazing how God turned this evil into good. If we are close to God, even our bad circumstances can be turned into His best will for our lives.

They had been promised the land of Canaan, not Goshen in Egypt. However, God had not forgotten his promise. He had told Jacob long before the seventy had fled the famine in Canaan, “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you” (Genesis 28:15).

God keeps His Word!

God was keeping the family alive, the family who would bring forth the *promised deliverer*.

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Chapter 12

Moses

When Jacob and his twelve sons first settled in Egypt, there were only seventy Hebrews in total. Now hundreds of years later there were two and a half million Hebrews (Israelites). Joseph enjoyed much favor with the ruler of Egypt, Pharaoh, now hundreds of years later the Egyptians were working the Hebrews as their slaves. (Exodus 1:8-11).



Have you ever felt like you were in slavery? Have you ever felt like life has been beating you up with “hard bondage?”

God cares about these feelings. We will learn more about God’s great concern for you and His desire to set you free from all types of prisons, slavery, and bondages! God’s great mission for you is to make you a free person.

God chose Moses to go to the ruler of Egypt, Pharaoh, and confront him to let His people go. (Exodus 5:1).



“And Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go’” (Exodus 5:2).

Notice Pharaoh did not know the Lord. Egypt worshipped a multitude of gods, the sun-god, the god of storms, the Nile River; even Pharaoh was a god to the Egyptian people.

A lot of people are like Pharaoh. They do not want to recognize God, the Creator, because they would lose their control and power, and would need to turn their lives over to God.

“And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant” (Exodus 6:5).



God was remembering the *promised deliverer*

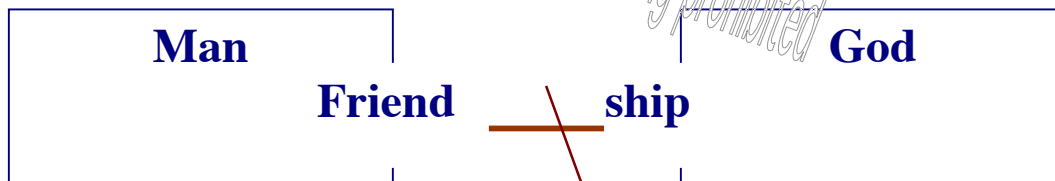


Notice that God is committed to His covenant, His blood covenant. This is the covenant that He made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

“Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments’” (Exodus 6:6).

Notice how protective God is about His people, Israel. This does not mean that *only* the people of Israel could follow the true God. But it did mean that others would have to come to Him through faith in the blood covenant that God cut with Israel.

God made a way for all people to come to Him even if they were sinners. But He would have to have an innocent victim with a blood sacrifice in order to restore friendship.



God had caused many bad plagues to come on to Egypt. The last one was that a death angel would come over Egypt and kill all of the first born children. But God told Moses how to protect His people, the Hebrews.

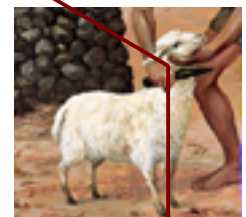
1. Take a lamb. “Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ‘On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.’” (Exodus 12:1-3).



2. A male without blemish. It could not be deformed or defective in any way. God was demanding a perfect lamb. (Exodus 12:5)

3. Kill the lamb. (Exodus 12:6)

4. Apply the blood to the doorposts, the sides, and the tops. (Exodus 12:7)



5. Stay inside the house until morning. (Exodus 12:22)

6. Do not break any of the bones. “In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones” (Exodus 12:46).

7. **“I will pass over.”** “For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt” (Exodus 12:12,13).

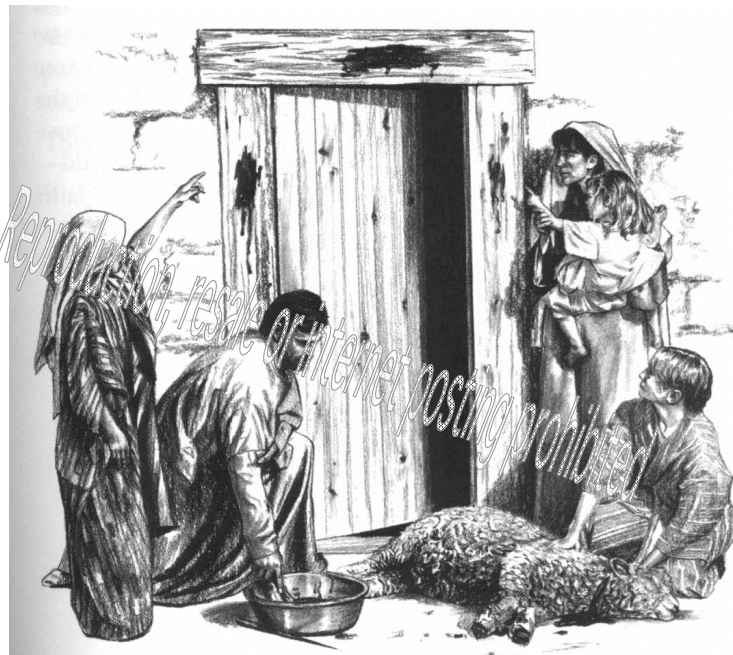
This may not have made much sense to these people because they were not familiar with the blood covenant, or with the promised redeemer. However they did obey; they put their faith in God’s Word as being true.

All of the Hebrews escaped with safety and all of the first-born children of Egypt, even the firstborn animals were killed.

But the blood kept God’s people safe.



What would you have done?



Chapter 13 More about Moses

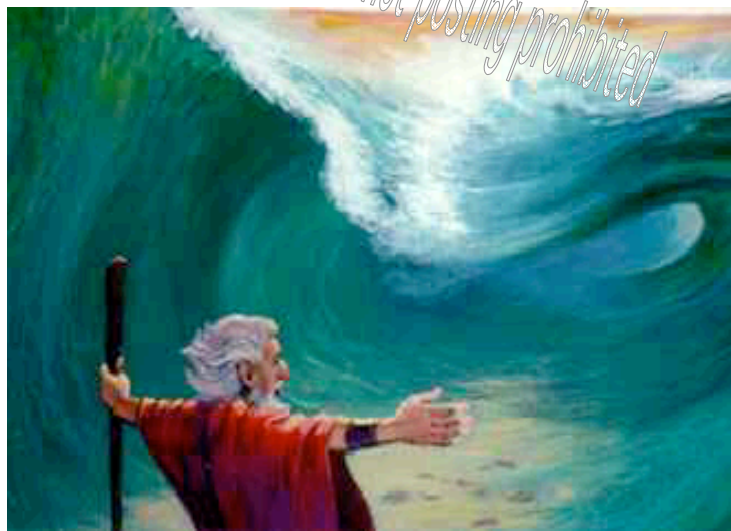
The Hebrews escaped but Pharaoh decided to chase them. Also, the Hebrews ended up at the Red Sea. So they were trapped. (Exodus 13:17,18). (Exodus 14:5)



“So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea...”(Exodus 14:9).

“**And Moses said to the people,** ‘Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever’” (Exodus 14:13).

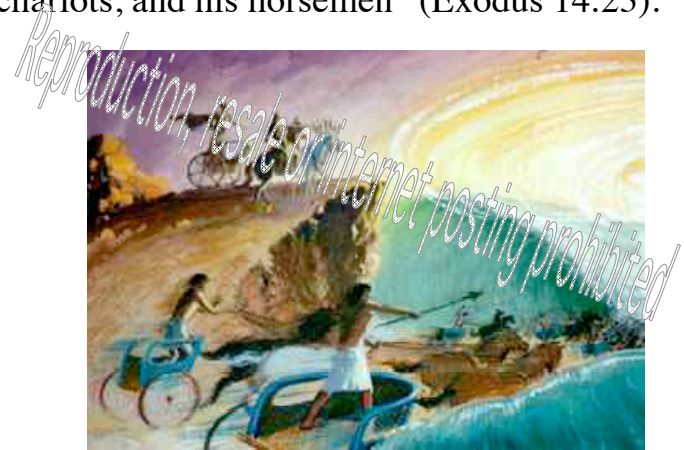
God told Moses to hold up his rod over the Red Sea. When Moses held up the Rod, the Red Sea split.



“So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left” (Exodus 14:22).



“And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen” (Exodus 14:23).

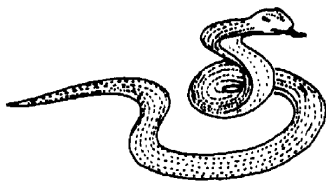


The Lord caused the Egyptians to chase the Hebrews through the path in the Red Sea. But it was a trap. (Exodus 14:27,28).



“So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses. Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: ‘I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!’” (Exodus 14:30-15:1).

This entire story of God saving His people out of the hand of the enemy is like God saving us from our enemies now.



However, remember in the previous chapters we talked about who our real enemy is. If we obey God and His Word, and if we respect the blood that speaks of the *promised deliverer*, He will save us from our real enemy.

Chapter 14 The Renewed Covenant

Several hundred years have passed since God spoke through His prophets. Many people forgot about God. **Israel and God's people** were under the rule of the Romans.

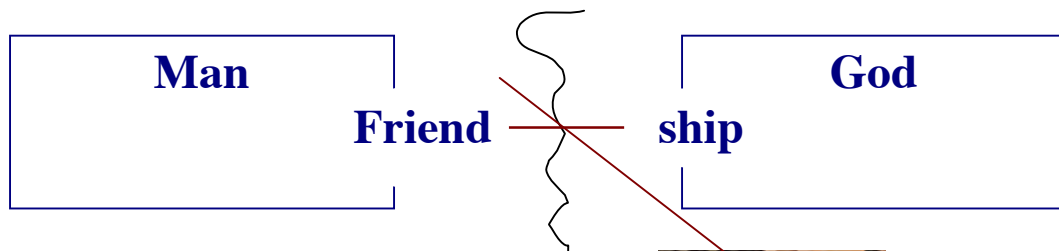


The people were looking for someone to deliver them from Rome. However their real enemy was not Rome, but **Satan**. No ordinary man could deliver us from Satan, sin, and death.



The Lord alone is the great Deliverer, the promised deliverer. "I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior" (Isaiah 43:11). **What a surprise!** How could the LORD be the savior? The savior or the promised deliverer would be a lamb!

People like to think that they are the ones who are strong and important. Satan wants people to think that so that they will not meet God who is their Savior. The Lord God is the only Savior.



How many suns give light to the Earth? Only one! How many *promised deliverers* did God promise? Only one! He did not promise to send different deliverers, one for us and another for people in other parts of the world.

That is a lie from Satan.



The one big problem is that the *promised deliverer* was going to be the Lord God Himself, and the *promised deliverer* was also going to be a blood sacrifice for the sins of man.



So the question is, if He is God, how can He be killed?

Is the God of the Bible so weak that He can be killed? No, there is no one who can defeat God. He cannot be killed.

You can see that we have some serious questions to answer for all of this to make sense.

Just hang on, the Bible will answer these questions!

Chapter 15

Mary

An angel visited a young Jewish woman named Mary.



“Then the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest...’” (Luke 1:30-32).

Do you remember the prophecy that the *promised deliverer* would be from the family of David? Both Mary and her husband Joseph were from the family of David.



Path of promised deliverer. Adam > Seth > Several generations > Noah > Shem > Seven generations > Nahor > Terah > Abraham > Isaac > Jacob > Judah > Several generations > **David** >. Several generations > **Jesus**.

Can you imagine what Mary must have thought? The angel told her that she would give birth to the Son of God!

Even more amazing was the fact that Mary had never had relations with a man!



“Then Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I do not know a man [still a virgin]?’” (Luke 1:34).

“And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. For with God nothing will be impossible” (Luke 1:35.37).



Do you remember that throughout our story, God has told all the people to use a lamb that was innocent and perfect?

God told them that this lamb would be pointing to the *promised deliverer*.



Here is the secret of the mystery. The secret of the *promised deliverer*!

1. In order for the *promised deliverer* to be perfect, He could not inherit Adam’s sinful nature. Even though many of the people after Adam were good people, they had to be made good by the blood sacrifice, the blood of a perfect animal or lamb.

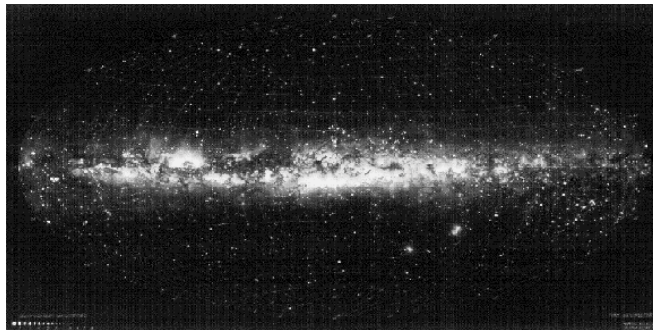
2. Jesus would not be a descendant of Adam because Mary had not had sexual relations with a man. The angel speaking the Word of God into her womb conceived her Baby, Jesus.

3. **Jesus would be all human** because Mary would be His mother. But He would also be all God, because the God was his Father. God was speaking Himself into human flesh.

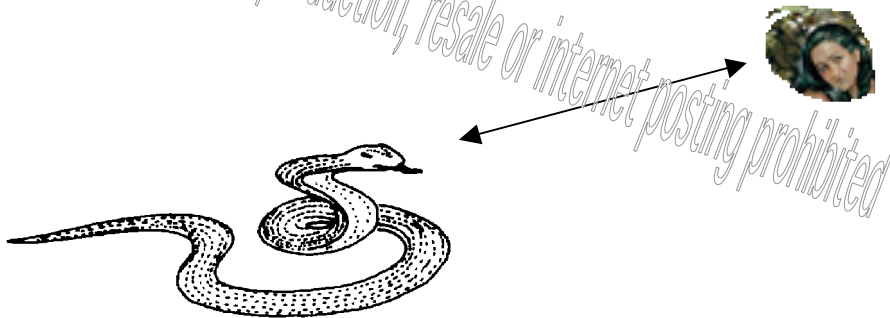
“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He [The Word, Jesus] was in the beginning with God” (John 1:1,2).

“And the Word [Jesus] became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

If God spoke the whole universe and our world into being with His Word, He surely could speak His son into our world with His Word.



The baby would not have a human father. Now it made sense. Way back in the Garden of Eden, God promised Eve that *her* offspring would be the ***promised deliverer***, not *their* offspring, referring to both man and woman. God said that Eve’s seed would destroy the Devil.



Before Mary could give birth, the government required that all people return to the city of their birth for a census. They were to return to Bethlehem which a thousand years before had been King David's home.



So Jesus was born in Bethlehem. They could not find a hotel room so they had to use a cave where animals were kept. This did not seem like a good place for the *promised deliverer* to be born, but God had a plan.

Micah the prophet said in Micah 5:2 that the *promised deliverer* would be born in Bethlehem. God knew the end from the beginning!

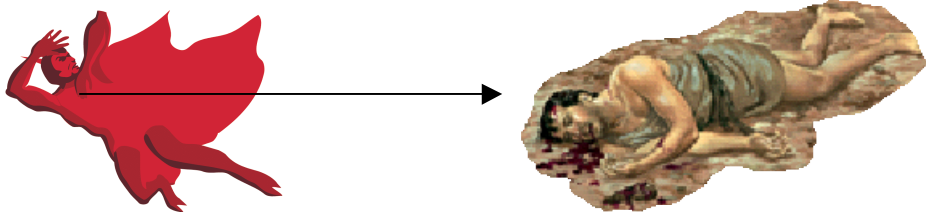
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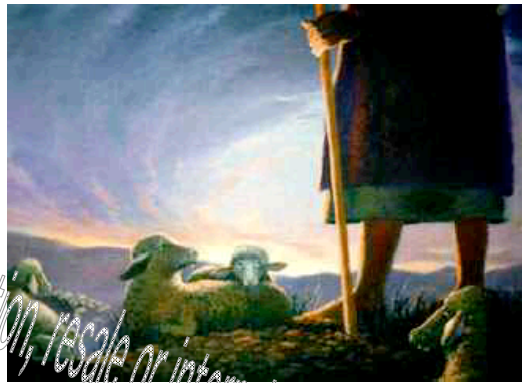
Jesus

Jesus grew up working hard as a carpenter.

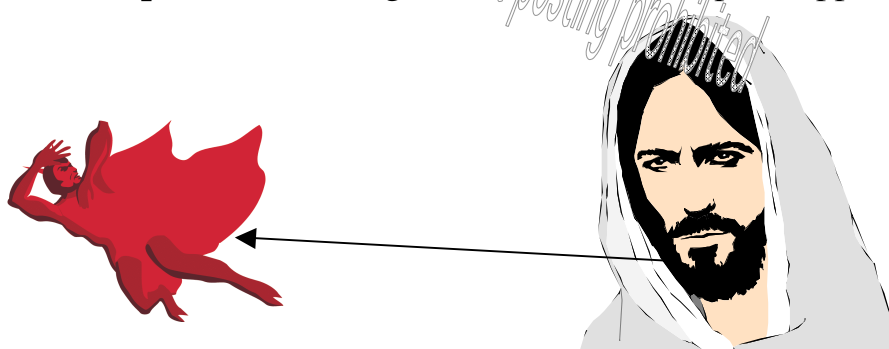
Jesus saw the oppression of man by the Devil.



Jesus showed the love of God towards the poor and oppressed. He saw man as sheep without a shepherd.



Jesus showed the power of God against the Devil to help the oppressed.



Jesus saw a man with a demon. Jesus cast the demon out of the man with His Words. The demon knew who Jesus was. He called Him the Holy One of God. The demon obeyed Jesus. The man was set free! (Mark 1:23-28)

Demons still flee today at the Words of Jesus. They will not flee in any other way.

Jesus healed a man of leprosy. There was no cure for leprosy, but Jesus did a miracle. (Mark 1:40-45)



Jesus told the Good News. Gospel means Good News. The Good News was that Jesus had come to be the *promised deliverer* to save people from the power of Satan, the Devil.

Jesus said that the only way to escape Satan's control is to agree with God and believe His Good News.

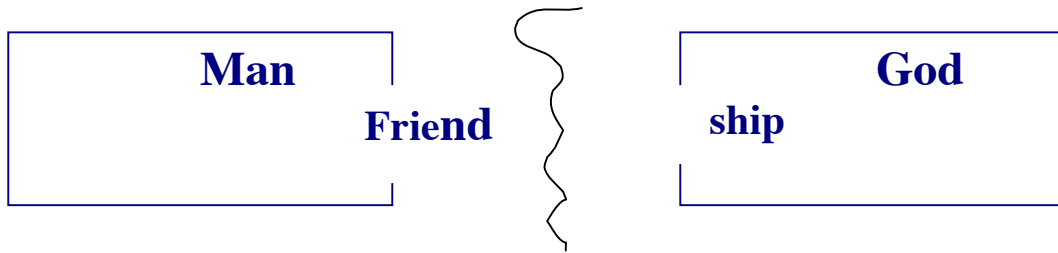
A man named Nicodemus came to Jesus in the night to ask Him how He did all these miracles. (John 3)

Jesus told him the only way to truly understand would be to have a new birth, to be born all over again.

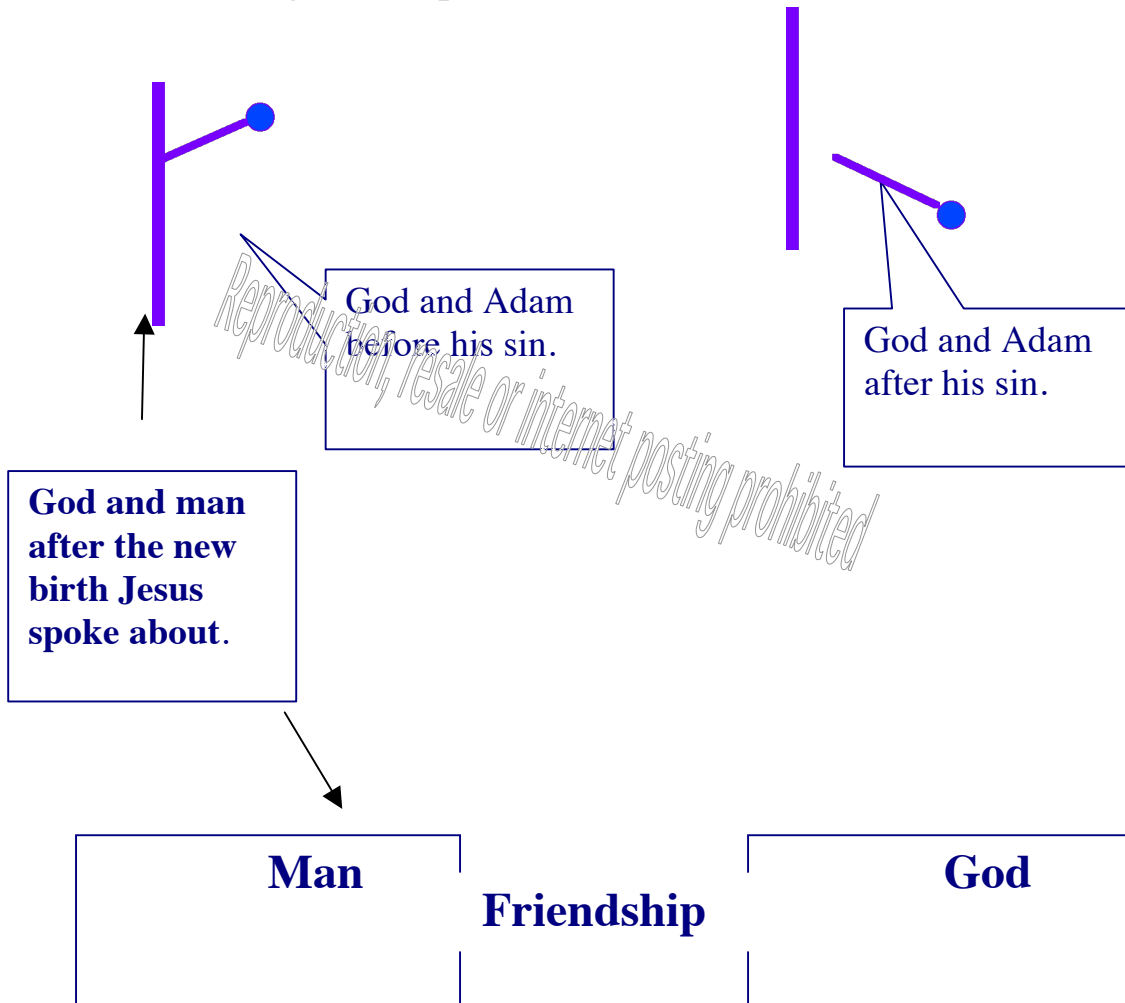


What did Jesus mean by this? Was this some kind of religious talk? No!

Jesus was going back into Bible history as we have studied. When Adam sinned, God's Spirit left Adam.



The new birth would bring God's Spirit back inside of man.



Jesus explained to Nicodemus that God loved sinful man so much that God would send Him, Jesus, as the *promised deliverer*.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish [be destroyed in Hell and on earth] but have everlasting [eternal] life” (John 3:16).



Jesus did only good things. He never hurt anybody. He did not even speak against the evil Roman government. They did not arrest Him like they did others because He posed no threat.

He told people to obey authority, to pay their taxes, to go the extra mile and to be a servant.

Jesus taught about forgiveness. He showed the benefit of living a good life. He told the people that He could give them power to live a good life.

The religious and some powerful people misjudged Jesus. They lied about Him. He forgave even that.



Why did Jesus not act as a King? Why was He acting more like a Lamb?

Jesus went about doing good.

He cast demons out of a man who was out of his mind. (Mark 5:1-18)



Jesus healed a paralyzed man. (Mark 2:1-12)



Jesus gave forgiveness and renewed hope to a woman who had wasted her life on five husbands and now was not married. (John 4:1-42) He still gives renewed hope today.



Jesus stopped the storm with His Words. (Mark 4:35-41) Jesus can calm your storms even today. Jesus is all-powerful! Jesus is God Himself!



Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two small fish. Jesus is the One Who created the entire universe. He can do a miracle in your life even today. Jesus cares about hurting people.



The proud religious people were called Pharisees. They were hypocrites. They did all kinds of things to make them look good, but in their hearts they were evil.

Jesus spoke against these people. Why? (Mark 7:1-23)



Jesus knew that religion could not help man.

None of these religious things
can fix the problem.

Man

Fellow

Don't drink
or smoke

Good
works

Rules

Baptism

Going to
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God
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God has His plan.

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Chapter 17

Hell

A lot of people do not believe that there is a Hell. Some say, “If God is love, then why would He send people to Hell?”



God does not *send* people to Hell. God made Hell for the rebellious angels, demons, and Satan. Every person has a choice of going to Heaven or Hell. If a person chooses to accept the free gift of God, *the promised deliverer*, he will go to Heaven. If a person does not choose the free gift of God, he chooses Satan and Hell.

People make the choice, not God. God made Hell so that evil people and demons would not torment His family forever. Hell is like prison; it is to protect the innocent from evil people.

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. “ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, [not the same Lazarus in the last chapter], full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores” (Luke 16:19-21).



“So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom [side]. The rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22).

Abraham's side was a place of comfort for people who died. Heaven was still not open. Heaven was closed when Adam and Eve sinned. He would go to Heaven later. People who went to Abraham's side had faith in the *promised deliverer*. They would stay there until He came.



The beggar did not go to Abraham's side because he was poor. He went there because he had faith in the Word of God and in the *promised deliverer*.

“...The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’” (Luke 16:22b-24).



The rich man did not go to Hell because he was rich, but because he ignored God and lived only for himself while on earth.

Notice, after both men died, they were still alive. One was in a good place and one was in Hell. They could speak and feel. You will live somewhere forever!

The rich man begged Abraham to help him, but Abraham could not help now, it was too late.

“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’” (Luke 16:25,26).

Then the rich man in Hell asked Abraham to send the poor man to his five brothers back on earth and warn them about Hell. Abraham told him that his five brothers have the Bible, and even if one should come back from the dead and warn them they would not believe.

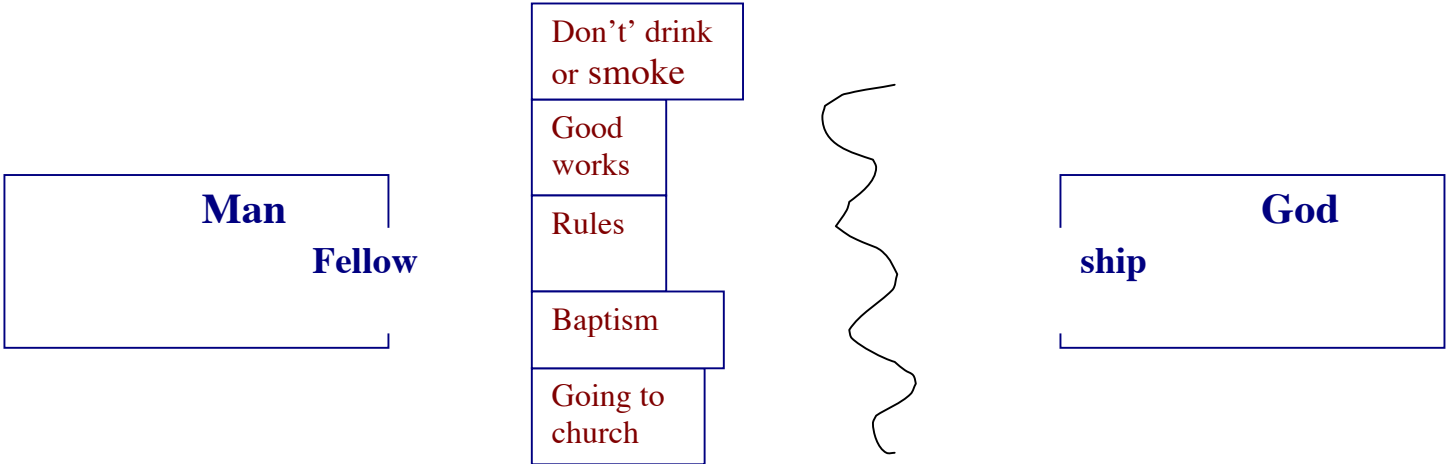
The *promised deliverer* is in the Bible. People need to believe before they die. After they die it is too late.



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Some people think they will go to Heaven because they are good, or go to church.

None of these religious things can fix the problem.



Only the blood sacrifice can remove our sin give us an entrance to Heaven. Only Jesus can give us life eternal.

The poor beggar was a sinner just as the rich man was. Neither one deserved forgiveness. The poor man received a gift that he did not deserve.



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Who is the Lamb?

Chapter 18

Jesus arrested

Jesus made a trip to Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Kings usually ride on white horses. His followers thought He was coming to be their *promised deliverer* and defeat their enemy, the Roman Empire. They shouted, "...Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9)



Jesus celebrated the Passover with his followers. As they broke the bread and drank the juice, He told them, "And He said to them, 'This is My blood of the new covenant [will or testament], which is shed for many'" (Mark 14:24).



Jesus knew that He was going to be killed. “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified” (Matthew 26:2).

He knew that He was the *promised deliverer and the Passover Lamb*, and must die in place of all mankind, all sinners. He prayed to the Father God that if there was any other way of doing this that would be good, but then He said, “...not my will but your will be done” (Mark 14:36).



Jesus shed His blood right here in the Garden of Gethsemene. He poured out drops of **blood** like sweat.

Judas, one of Jesus' followers took thirty pieces of silver to betray Jesus. The religious people came and arrested Jesus. Jesus had called Himself the Son of God, and this offended the religious people (Luke 22:47-54).



Pilate the Roman leader and Herod the Jewish leader both judged Jesus. They decided to listen to the people who demanded that Jesus be crucified (Luke 23:1-25).



Jesus was mocked and beaten. He shed blood.



Jesus never did anything wrong. He never sinned. He was always kind. He loved and healed even the worst sinners. He always paid His taxes and obeyed the law. He was the only perfect man that ever lived.

The religious people spit on Him, blindfolded Him, and beat Him with their fists (Mark 14:65).



The Roman and Jewish rulers punished Him for something He did not do.

They pulled his beard out. They put a crown of long thorns over His head. He shed His blood each time. They whipped Him with a whip that had metal in it. It ripped open His back and almost killed Him.

They mocked Him and made fun of Him. Yet, He was completely innocent.

Chapter 19

Jesus crucified

You may ask, “If Jesus is God, why would the bad people be able to torture and kill Him?” That question will be answered in this chapter. John knew from the beginning that Jesus was the Lamb.

Jesus suffered greatly during His time of fake trials. He shed blood many times and was tortured. He had been in five court sessions: three Jewish and two Roman. The sixth trial would be the final one.

Now even the crowds of people were accusing Jesus. They began to cry, “Crucify Him!”

The Roman ruler Pilate was planning to punish Jesus and release Him. This was a cruel whipping. They used bone and metal pieces on the end of the leather straps and they would sink into the flesh and rip it out.

Very often the victim died.



The Jews, the Romans and the people all thought they were killing Jesus. But Jesus knew He was going to die. He actually laid down His life.

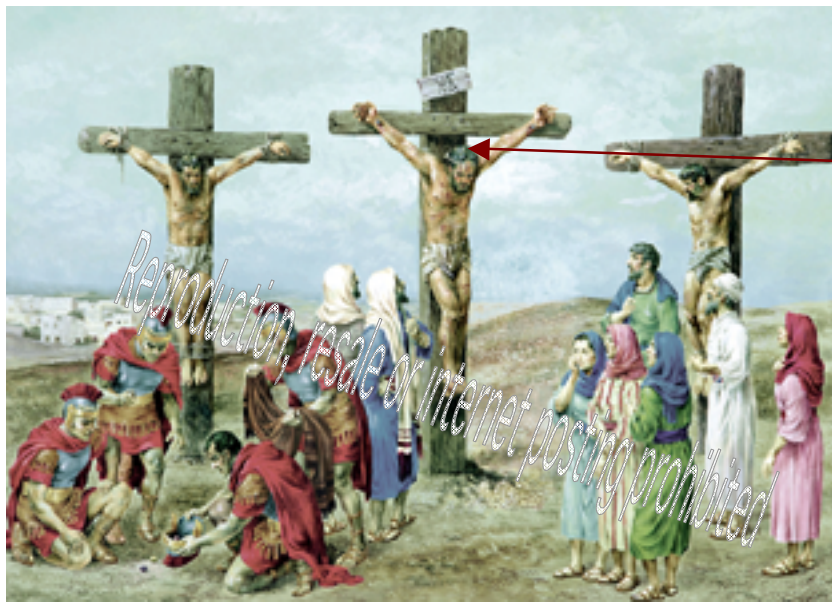
“No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father” (John 10:18).

“And He [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man [Jesus] must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, **and be killed,** and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31).

“Then Pilate said to Him, ‘Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?’ Jesus answered, ‘You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin’” (John 19:10,11).

Pilate finally gave in to the will of the people and the religious leaders.

“Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led *Him* away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place* of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center” (John 19:16-18).



Chapter 20
Jesus is the Lamb!
He is the *promised deliverer!*

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

“Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, ‘Woman, behold your son!’ Then He said to the disciple, Behold your mother! And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*” (John 19:25-27).



Jesus suffered on the Cross all day long. It was a slow death and a very harsh torture. Only serious criminals were crucified. No worse torture has every been thought of.



Jesus died. “And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?’ which is translated, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me’” (Mark 15:34).

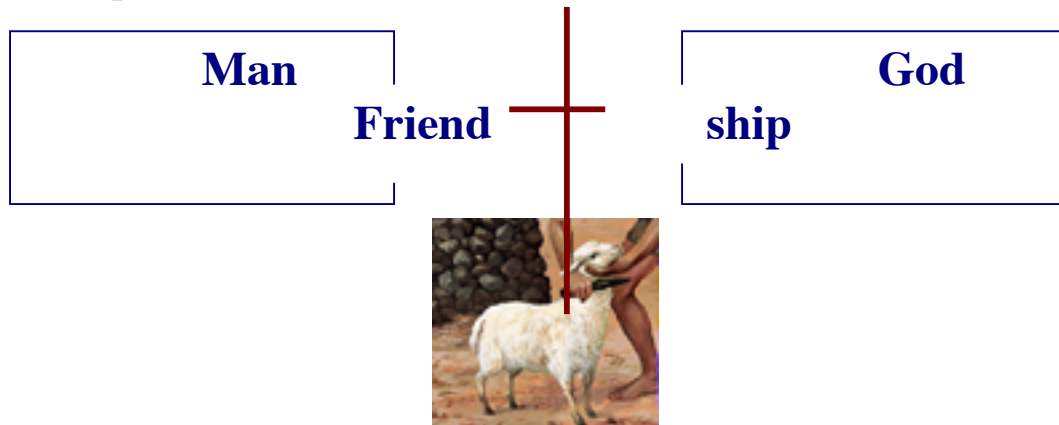
What does this all mean?



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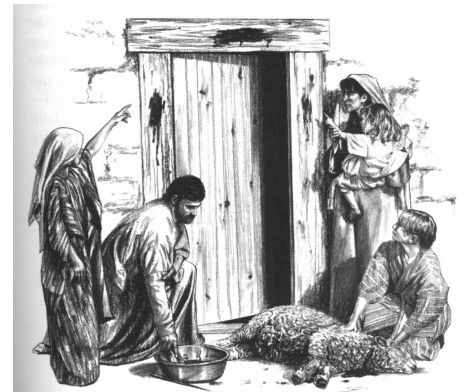
Forsaken is a word that means to be separated.

Adam was separated from God.



The *promised deliverer, Jesus* would pay the price for man's sin so that man could be back in friendship with God. The price was for an innocent man to be forsaken or separated from God.

Jesus would be separated from God so that you and I could be connected to God.
This is the Good News!



Chapter 21

Jesus resurrected

The Roman government set a strong group of guards on the tomb of Jesus because the religious people that killed Him remembered He said that He would rise from the dead on the third day. (Matthew 27:62-65)



On the morning of the third day, God the Father raised His Son Jesus from the dead. He came forth with a new body, not the old one. His body had flesh and bone, but no blood. It was filled with light!

This is the same kind of body believers in Jesus are promised after their earth body dies.

Mary Magdalene, one of the women who followed Jesus, along with other women, came to His tomb the morning of the third day. An angel came and rolled away the large stone that was blocking the tomb and caused a great earthquake.



But the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.’ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word” (Matthew 28:5-8).



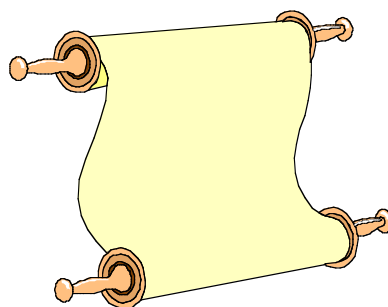
“So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, ‘Rejoice!’ So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.’” (Matthew 28:8-10).

Jesus had his disciples handle his hands and feet. They saw the nail scars in His hands and the sword wound in His side. He ate fish and honey with them. (Luke 24:39-43)



“And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day” (Luke 24:45,46).

Jesus told these men the story of the Lamb, the same one you have been reading. He taught them who He is by teaching them from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.



Jesus dying on the Cross for you and me was God’s original plan for mankind. Jesus opened up the Scriptures for His men, and they saw what you and I have seen in this book, Who is the Lamb?

The resurrection, as this is called, is proof that Jesus is *the promised deliverer!* *Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away all of our sin.*





“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy” (Luke 24:50-52).



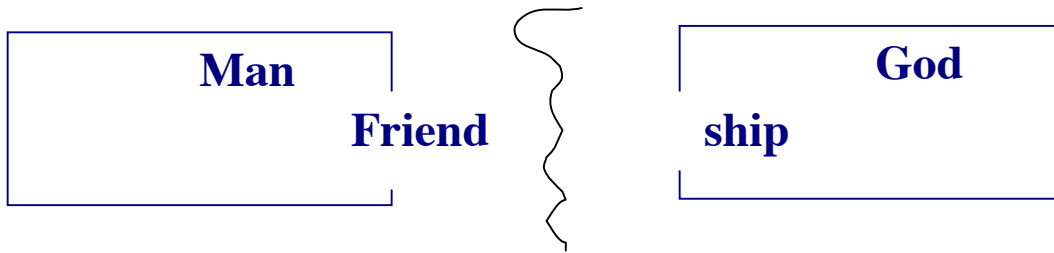
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Jesus promised that He would come to earth a second time. He will come. Are you ready?



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Chapter 22 Prayer



If you are not sure about these things, here is how to pray: “Oh, God, I am a seeker. I want the truth about who you are and about spiritual things and the *promised deliverer*. I want you to reveal yourself to me. I want you to tell me your name. I want this to be a personal thing, not something from a book or from man.” Now, pour your heart out to God and tell Him how you honestly feel. Include your doubts, fears, etc.

If you wish to pray to receive the *promised deliverer* and the forgiveness of your sins, you may do it right now: “Oh God, I believe that you sent Jesus as the *promised deliverer* to take my old life and I want to receive His life. I want to be born back into your family so that I can be connected with You. I believe that Jesus shed His blood for me. I believe that when He died He took my old life and the penalty that went with it. I believe that He was raised from the dead to give me His life. I accept this by making Jesus my boss, my Lord. I turn control of life over to Jesus right now.”



**restored
through
Jesus**

**He paid for our sins
on the Cross.**



Chapter 23

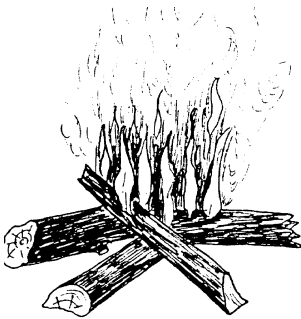
Turn from idols

If you have made Jesus your Lord you are going to Heaven when you leave your body. Now you and I are blood brothers and will live together for eternity in the presence of God!

However, you still have to live here now on earth. Jesus is not waiting until you get to Heaven to have relationship with you.

Jesus will provide for all of your needs here on earth, however He warned us that it would be with persecution.

First you must turn from all of your idols, whoever or whatever they have been. Jesus will not share His place in your life with an idol. What is an idol? Anybody or anything that has provided for your needs.



I want you now to stand up and face to the west as if you are looking at your idols. Now, as an act of obedience, turn to Jesus and face east. Now the idols are at your back and you are facing Jesus.

Jesus provides for you through His Word. His Word is a seed that is planted in the soil of your heart. Study Mark chapter 4 and you will see how fruit grows from the Word in your heart. Go to God's Word for His promises to take care of every need you may have on this earth.

“And He said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; “and they

have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred” (Mark 4:13-20).

Allow Jesus to plant the seed of His Word in your heart, resist Satan when he tries to steal the seed, the Word, and that seed will bear all the fruit you need for all of your needs in your life here on earth.

It will make you more like Jesus, it will take care of all your physical needs like food and health, and it will bring other people to Jesus so that they may also be blessed.

But beware! Seeds take a long time to grow and bear fruit, and Jesus warned us that Satan will try to trick you in different ways so that he may steal the seed. It will look like the seed of the Word is not working. But you must stand strong and listen to Jesus every day so that He may live His life through you until you see the victory.

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Chapter 24

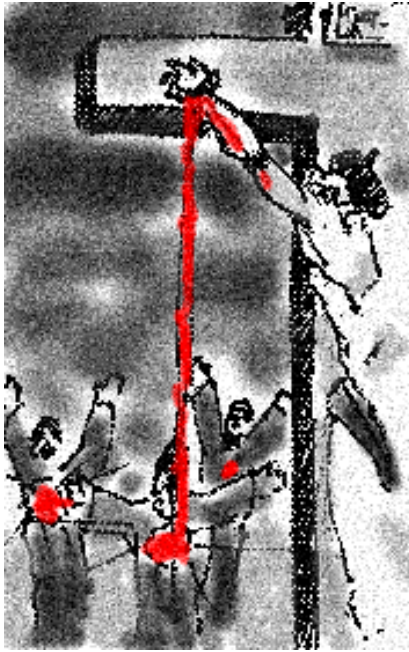
Be set free



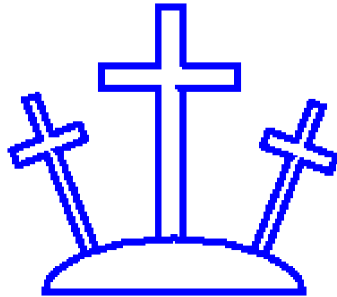
The Cross of Jesus, or the Blood Covenant, gave us all the blessings of God, and gave Jesus all the curses and sins of man.



“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree’)” (Galatians 3:13).

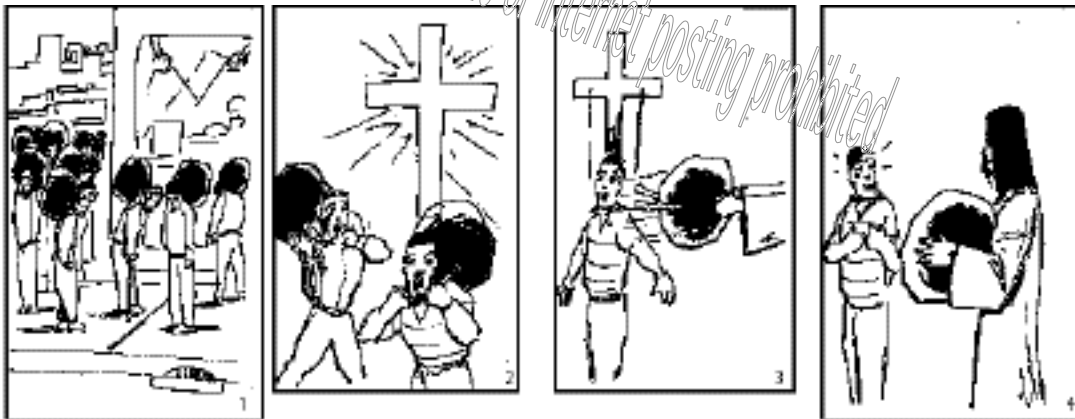


The Story about Barabbas. Matthew 27:16 says that Barabbas was a notorious prisoner. There were three crosses on Golgotha. The two on either side were made for criminals. Who was the middle cross made for, Jesus? No, It was made for **Barabbas**. Jesus took his place. Isaiah 53 says that Jesus took our place.



Isaiah 53:4-6 says, “Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was on Him; and with His stripes we ourselves are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Listed here are some of the major exchanges Jesus made for us that we may enjoy.



1. Jesus was **punished** that we might be **forgiven** (Isaiah 53: 4-5, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 2:13).

2. Jesus was **wounded** that we might be **healed** (Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:16-17, 1 Peter 2:24).

3. Jesus was **made sin** with our sinfulness that we might be **made righteous** with His righteousness (Isaiah 53:10, 2 Corinthians 5:21). **Righteousness** means to be in good standing with God (Romans 3:22, Romans 4:6, Romans 10:10).

4. Jesus died our **death** that we might share His **life**.
The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23, Hebrews 2:9, John 8:52).

5. Jesus was made a **curse** that we might receive the **blessing** (Galatians 3:13-14, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Deuteronomy 28:1-13).

Some curses:

Mental and emotional breakdowns.

Repeated or chronic sickness and disease - especially hereditary.

Repeated miscarriage or female problems.

Breakdown of marriage and family- marriage to wrong partners.

Continued financial insufficiency, especially when income appears to be sufficient.

Accident-prone.

Suicides or unnatural deaths.

Addictions, such as alcohol and drugs.

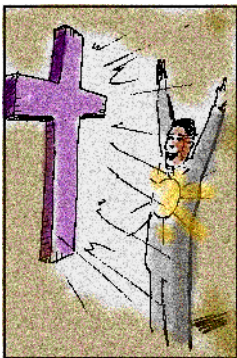
Rebellion to authority.

Unnatural sexual tendencies.

Appropriating the power of the Cross will deliver you from these and many more curses. Get ready!

6. Jesus endured our **poverty** that we might share His **abundance** (2 Corinthians 8:9 and 9:8).

Sufficiency is just enough; abundance is more than enough so that we can bless others. Jesus was hungry, thirsty, naked and in need at the Cross.



7. Jesus bore our **shame** that we might share His **glory** (Matthew 27:35-36).

Hebrews 2:10 says that Jesus brings many sons to glory (not shame).

We can receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit counteracts shame.

Sexual abuse causes shame.

We obtain the slavery mindset through shame.

We get self-esteem problems through shame.

8. Jesus endured our **rejection** that we might have His **acceptance** with the Father (Matthew 27:45-51). The Father hid His face from Jesus and rejected Him for us. Ephesians 1:6 says we are accepted by the Father.

People are hungry to be accepted, to feel as if they belong, as if they matter to someone. Only Jesus can give this. His Church is the place for belonging.

Children need their father's acceptance.

Love must be openly expressed.

Divorce causes rejection (Isaiah 54:6).

Jesus died of a broken heart.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God” (Romans 15:7). God accepts us in our sinful condition (Ephesians 1:3-6).

9. Jesus was **cut off from the Father** by death that we might enjoy **God's presence** eternally (Matthew 27:46, Isaiah 53:8, Hebrews 10:21-22, Jude 24, Colossians 1:27, Ephesians 3:16-20).

Our need for emotional security is satisfied.

The fullness of the Holy Spirit is available to give us God's presence (Acts 1:8).

10. Our “old man” (sin nature) was put to **death** in Him, that the new man (Christ's nature) might come to **life** in us (Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20).

Forgiveness of sins is great, but doing away with the person that sins is greater.

11. Jesus experienced our **sorrows** and bore our **griefs** that we might have **gladness and joy** (Isaiah 53, Isaiah 35:10, Isaiah 51:11).

Death of a loved one, loss of some kind, pending disaster, overwhelming worry and sadness can cause hopelessness in your life, even a potential for suicide. The Holy Spirit brings us joy.

12. Jesus kept the **law** for us so that we could live by **grace** (Romans 7:6 and 8:1-4, Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 3:1-3).

Living by legalism is promoting the power of the flesh (1 Corinthians 15:56). It leads to frustration, failure, addictions, condemnation, and backsliding.

13. Jesus was **tormented** that we might enjoy **peace** (Isaiah 53:5, Philippians 4:7).

14. Jesus was made **insignificant** that we might have **significance**. He was sold for the price of a slave (Matthew 26:15,

1 Peter 1:18-19). The price God paid for us makes us significant.

15. Jesus was **captured** by the world, so that we could be **delivered** from the world, this present evil age (Galatians 1:4 and 6:14). The world has been crucified to us and we have been crucified to the world.

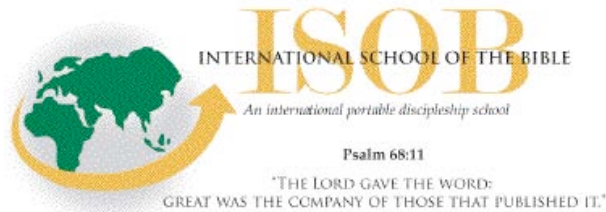
16. **Evil was conquered**. Jesus (appeared to have) suffered **defeat by evil** that we might **enjoy victory over evil**.

The Cross Was Absolute. It disarmed and defeated Satan and every evil that ever existed. Even the evil that looks as if it is coming on you. No matter what hits you, it must turn into a blessing. Colossians 2:14-15 says, “[Jesus] blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, [all the right that Satan had to do evil to us] which was contrary to us, and has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the **cross**. Having stripped rulers and authorities [demons and Satan], He made a show of them publicly, triumphing over them in it.” See also Mark 16:15-19 and Romans 6:9.

Amazing love, how can it be, that you my King should die for me?



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