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# Do you want to go to Heaven? Do you know how to pay for your sins?



The Bible says,

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

## Do you want to go to Heaven?

If I asked you today if you were going to heaven when you die, how would you respond? If you are like most people, you would probably answer, "I hope so!" But why do people use the words "I hope so" and not the words "I know so?" The answer is simple: sins! If you had no sins, you would "know" where you were going! During our lifetime we commit many sins. Now, in order for us to "know" if we are going to heaven, we need to "know" that those sins are paid for. Do you "know" that your sins are paid for? This is extremely important because it only takes one sin for God to condemn you. "How can God condemn a person after just one sin?" Simple: God's holiness and justice are infinite; therefore, He demands 100% perfection. Here is the evidence: How many sins did Adam and Eve have to commit in order for God to condemn them? Just One! How many sins did Lucifer have to commit in order for God to condemn him? Just One! Now, how many sins do you have on your account? When people are honest with themselves. they often reply, "If what you are saying is true, then no one is going to heaven!"

Not so fast. God has helped many people get to heaven! You just need to prepare. It is absolutely critical to get all of your sins off of your account - before you die! And how do we do that? By following God's plan. We all know that we are not perfect. This means that even our most selfless acts are still flawed at some level. This also means that no matter how many "good" works we offer God to pay for sin, He will only reject them. Think about it. Have you ever tried to pay for a sin using one of your "good" works? Were you successful? How do you know? Did you get a receipt? The truth is you don't know! No one knows! We're just hoping that God is overlooking our imperfections. But He's not! In fact, He's keeping a record of them! Unless we come to terms with the concept of perfection and its effect on our "good" works, we will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. When God compares our "good" works with our "bad" works, there is virtually no difference. They are like septic tank water to Him. The water at the top of a septic tank may appear to be cleaner than the water at the bottom, but they are both polluted, like our works. God's standard for getting into heaven is still perfection, and He will not lower it, even though He knows we can't reach it.

But there is hope! God has a plan, and it does not depend on our "good" works! Why hasn't everyone heard of this plan? There are several reasons. One reason is that the Devil does not want you to know. He wants you to continue hoping in your "good" works because He knows it will eventually lead to your damnation. Another reason is that most people just don't care. They require no evidence whatsoever when choosing their religion. Did you know that over 92% of all religious adherents confess that when they chose their religion, they were just "following their parents!" In other words, if your parents were Catholic, you became Catholic. If your parents were Buddhist, you became Buddhist. If your parents were Muslim, you became Muslim, etc. But is that any way to determine truth? Did you choose which form of mathematics to follow based on your parent's beliefs?? Of course not, that would be absurd! Yet you chose your religion that way! Shouldn't we choose our religion based on evidence also? What if your parents are wrong? We can survive if we get our mathematics wrong, but how can you escape hell if you get your religion wrong? The Bible declares itself to be the eyewitness testimony of God on how to pay for sin correctly and also how to live a holy life. If we accept the eyewitness testimony of men in a court of law, shall we not accept the eyewitness testimony of God, which is greater? 1 John 5:9 says, "If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater." The purpose of this booklet is to explain and illustrate God's plan of salvation in the most evidential way possible. We hope that you read it prayerfully and that your heart and mind are overwhelmed by the evidence!

## Things you should do after you become a Christian!



#### 1. Read vour Bible

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When you read the Bible, God talks to When you pray, you talk to God. you. This is where we learn about God After you become a Christian, God and find instruction on how to live the desires to have an intimate, personal Christian life. In 2 Timothy 2:15 it says, relationship with you. In the book of "Study to show yourself approved Philippians 4:6 it says, "Be anxious for unto God, a workman that needs not nothing, but in everything by prayer to be ashamed, correctly handling and supplication, with thanksgiving, let vour petitions be made known to God."



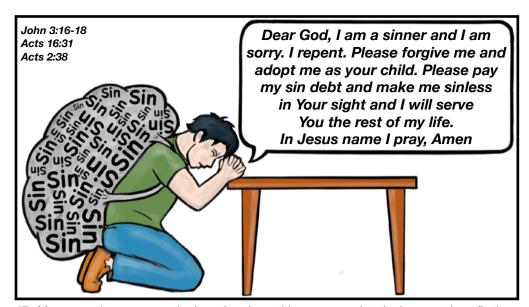
### 3. Attend a Bible teaching Church

One of the many blessings of being a Christian is gathering together with other like-minded believers for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and encouragement. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to love and serve one another through the use of our spiritual gifts. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the habit of some is, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day (of Judgment) drawing near."

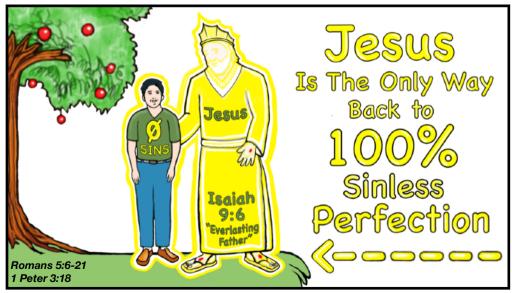


#### 4. Share the Good News with others

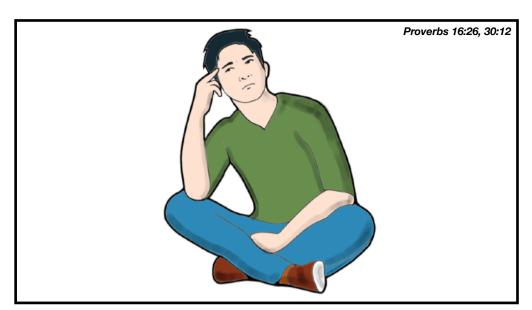
It is a wonderful thing to know that your sins are forgiven and you are going to heaven. It is a Christian's joy and duty to share this Good News with other people also so that they can be forgiven and also go to heaven! In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus says, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age."



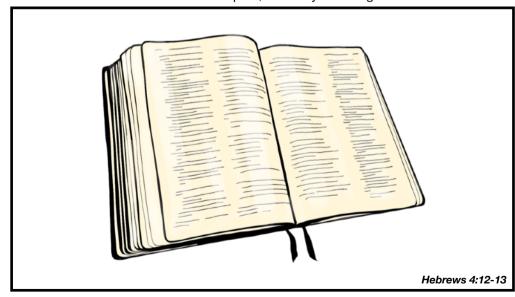
**47.** Many people are amazed when they hear this message, but it does not benefit them because they are unwilling to repent from their sins and obey. **Acts 17:30** says, "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent." Now that you know what God wants you to do, will you repent and ask Jesus to adopt you? If you do not know how to pray, you can follow the sample prayer above to guide you.



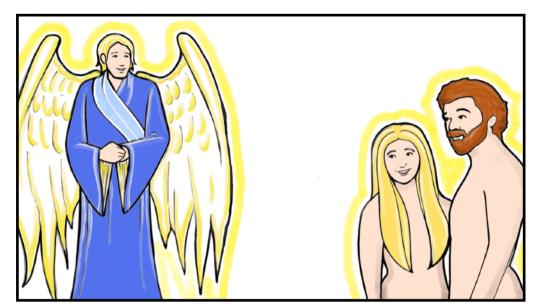
**48.** Jesus is the **ONLY WAY BACK** above the **100% Perfection Line!** Acting in the capacity of an "Everlasting Father," Jesus took the sins of His children and put them on His own account. He then paid their sin debt, making their accounts **ZERO**, restoring them to their original state of sinless perfection. **Hebrews 10:14** says, "for by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being made holy."



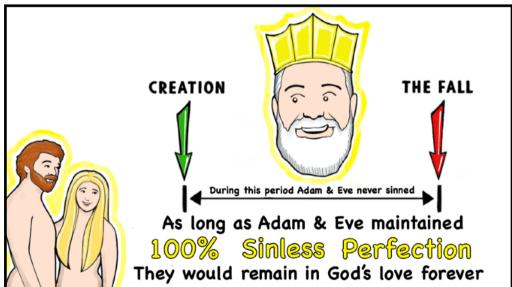
1. Are you sure you are going to heaven when you die?? God wants us to stop following our emotions and think! He wants to reason with us. Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." God has a plan, but are you willing to listen?



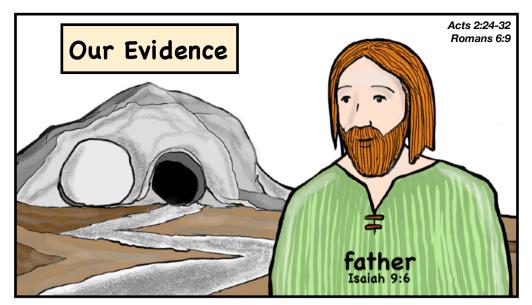
2. God is the Author of the Bible. The Bible is His gift to mankind. The Bible teaches us how to pay for our sins the correct way. It also teaches us how to live a godly life. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."



**3.** In the beginning, when God created our first parents, Adam and Eve, they were **sinless and perfect**, like the angels! Everything they thought, said and did was only **perfect**, continually. **Psalm 8:5** says, "You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor."



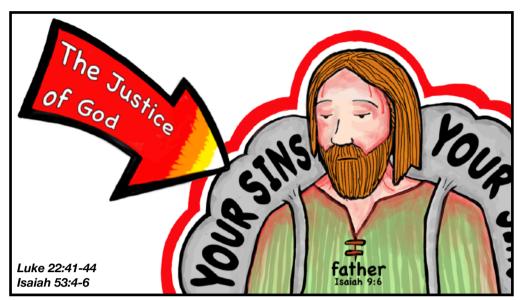
**4.** As long as Adam and Eve maintained their **sinless perfection**, they would continue to enjoy God's love and unbroken fellowship. Adam and Eve lived in **100% sinless perfection** for many years without committing even one sin! They were able to do everything God commanded them to do **perfectly**. **Not like mankind today**.



**45.** After Jesus finished paying for the sins of His children, God raised Him from the dead! God did this to give **proof** to the world that Jesus's sacrifice was accepted. By fully paying for the sins of His children, Jesus made them **sinless and perfect** in the eyes of God. **Acts 17:31** says, "God has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead."



**46.** Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart, trust God! Ask Jesus to adopt you and become your "Everlasting Father!" When you do, <u>your sins</u> become <u>His responsibility!</u> Beware of your love for this present world. **1 Corinthians 6:2** says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."



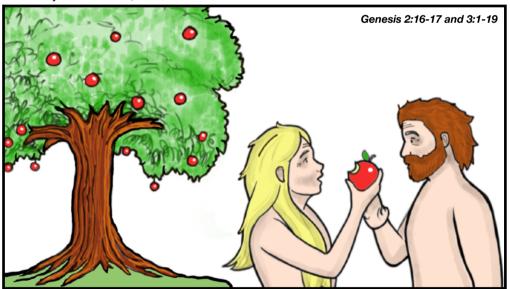
43. How does a person find that rest? They find it when they stop trying to pay for their own sins and let Jesus do that work. Only Jesus, acting in the capacity of our "Divine Parent," can pay for our sins. In Colossians 1:21-22 we read, "And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by his death, in order to present you Holy and blameless and above reproach before Him."



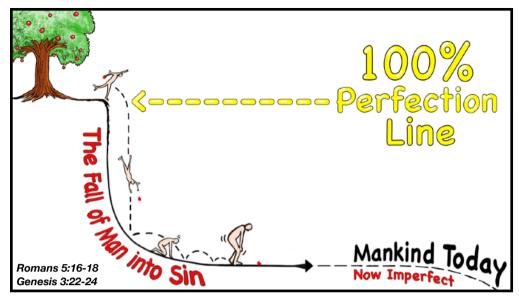
**44.** Hell is a very real place. Imagine being tormented day and night forever and ever. Hell is where people go who try to pay for their own sins. Isaiah 33:14 says, "Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?" If you want to avoid hell, then ask Jesus to adopt you, and as your father, He will pay for your sins.



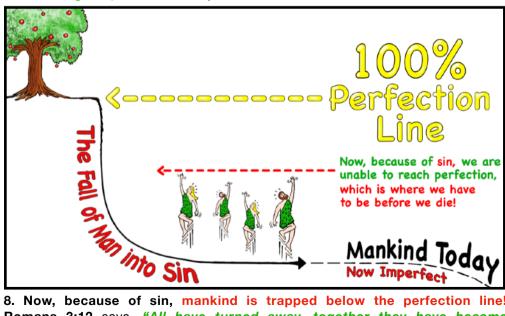
5. 100% sinless perfection! It is difficult to imagine a standard so impossibly high! But that was God's standard in the beginning, and it is still His standard today! Psalm 18:30 says, "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him." Adam and Eve were created perfect, but if they chose to sin, God would disown them and sentence them to hell.



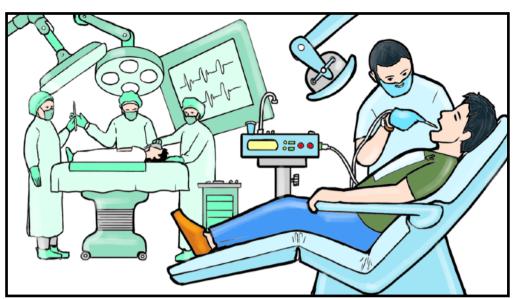
6. In time, God tested Adam and Eve to see if they would remain faithful to Him. He gave them a special tree but warned them NOT to eat from it. In Genesis 2:17, God said, "for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die." Sadly, Adam and Eve rebelled against God and ate the fruit and committed their very first sin. This one sin brought death and destruction upon all mankind.



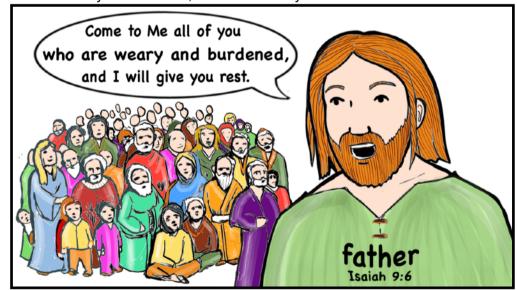
7. Falling, falling, deeper into the depths of sin and depravity. The once perfect Adam and Eve were now sinners condemned by God. Sin was now polluting everything they thought, said and did. They could no longer reach God's standard of perfection. Romans 5:12 says, "Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."



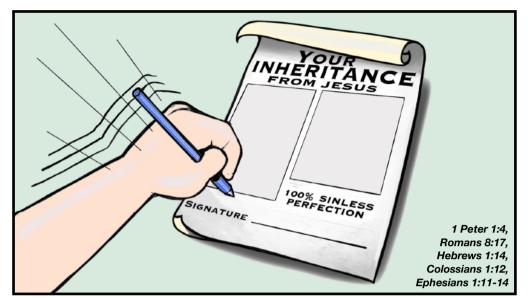
8. Now, because of sin, mankind is trapped below the perfection line! Romans 3:12 says, "All have turned away, together they have become worthless; there is no one who does good (perfectly), not even one." No matter how hard we try, our imperfect works will never be accepted by God. So, how do we get back above God's perfection line - before we die? Keep reading...



**41.** What do we do when we don't know how to do something? **We find someone who does know how to do it!** We find someone who is qualified to do the job right. **We are not ashamed to let someone else do the work for us.** In fact, we would be **ashamed** to even attempt it! Now that we **know** why Jesus came, we should obey and let Him do His work!



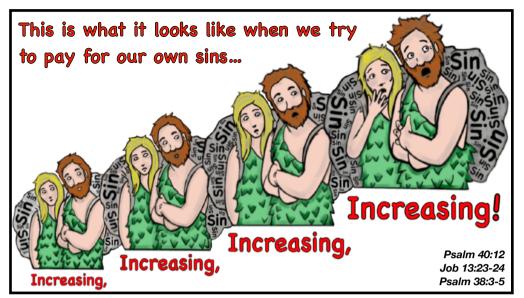
42. In John 8:24, Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest!" What is Jesus referring to when He says, "weary and burdened?" He is talking about those who are "weary" from trying to pay for their own sins - and failing! He is talking about those who are "burdened" by constant guilt and the fear of hell. Only Jesus can give us rest from our guilt and fear.



**39. An inheritance is free!** You don't earn it, it's a gift from your parents. It is the same with salvation. Pride says you have to earn your own salvation through good works, but the Bible says, **No! salvation is a free gift!** Jesus, as a "Divine Parent," also gives salvation to His children through inheritance. **Ephesians 1:11** says, "In Him (Jesus) we have obtained an inheritance." Now, would you rather inherit salvation or try to earn it yourself?



**40.** Think about it. Would you ever do your own dental work? Or try to take out your child's appendix? Of course not!!! Why? Because you don't know what you're doing! Well, what do you know about paying for sins? Nothing. The truth is, we can't even remember our sins, and even if we could, we have no idea how to pay for them. We need an expert!

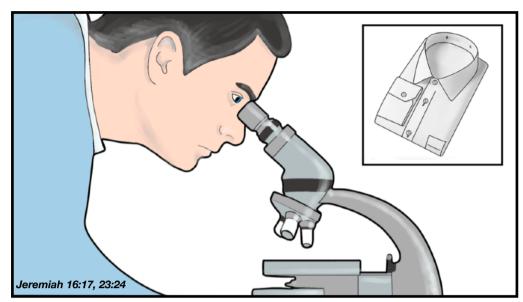


9. Increasing! Increasing! Adam and Eve tried to pay for their sins, but their sin debt only increased. Why?! Because sin is polluting everything we think, say and do, which makes our good works worthless. Isaiah 59:12 says, "For our wrongful acts have multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us; for our wrongful acts are with us, and we know our sins."

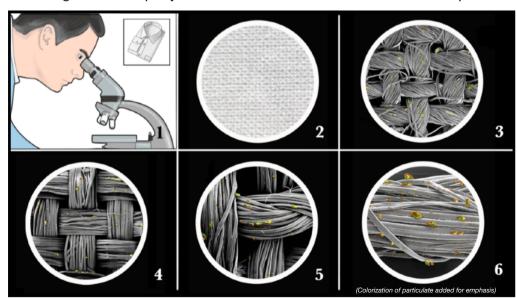
"We have all become like one who is unclean, and all of our righteous deeds are like filthy rags. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away."

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**10.** God says that even our "righteous deeds are like filthy rags!" This means our good works are worthless, and He will not accept them. However, most people still believe that if they do more good works than bad works, they can still go to heaven. This is absolutely false. God will never accept a person's good works unless they are perfect. The problem is mankind is no longer able to do anything perfectly.



11. Imagine for a moment that you have a brand-new white shirt... one that has never been worn. Then I asked you, "Is this shirt clean?" How would you respond? You would probably answer, "It's clean! It's brand new!" Ok, now imagine that we put your brand-new white shirt under a microscope...



**12.** As we increase the magnification, what do we begin to see? We begin to see every flaw and imperfection. Is your brand-new, white shirt *truly clean?* No! You can see every flaw. Now, what do you think God sees when He examines your so-called "good" works? He sees every flaw and imperfection, and he doesn't need a microscope! **Psalm 130:3** says, "If you, Lord, should mark sins, O Lord, who could stand?"



**37.** After introducing himself as an attorney, he informs you that your father has passed away and left you a vast inheritance. Sadly, you inform the attorney that you've been estranged from your father for many, many years. The attorney replies, "Well, he must have loved you very much, and if you wouldn't mind signing these documents, I can transfer the money now."



38. Would you sign the documents and accept your inheritance? Or would you reject it because you didn't earn it and that would be too easy! As long as you believe that you have to earn your own salvation, you will never allow someone else to earn it for you. But, in Romans 6:23, the Bible says, "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."



**35.** It sounds too easy? Why? Because someone else is doing all the work and you do nothing? Why does everyone think that salvation must be hard? Jesus said in Matthew 11:30, "my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." If Jesus Himself tells us that His way is easy, shouldn't we listen? Consider this question: Is it ever acceptable for someone else to do all the work while we do nothing? Most people would say, No! But there are some exceptions. Here is one...



**36.** Imagine one day you are sitting at home, and you hear a knock at the door. Curious, you look outside to see who it is. Standing at the door, you see a well-dressed man holding a briefcase...



13. Now, imagine yourself on judgment day. Kneeling before God and offering Him your good works as payment for your sins, you hear Him say, "Take those filthy rags away!" These are terrifying words to hear from God! You are not going to heaven! How sad! All of your good works were imperfect! God has rejected both them and you! Isaiah 57:12 says, "I will expose your righteousness and your good works, and they will not help you."



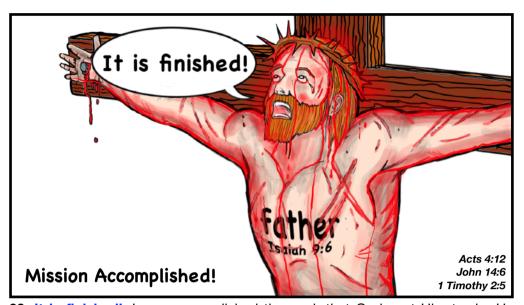
14. Now the Justice of God has come upon you! You refused to listen! Your good works were imperfect, but you offered them anyway. Your greatest sin was believing that you could make yourself holy. Now God must sentence you to hell. Romans 10:3 says, "For being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to God's righteousness."



15. It's true. God does not want our good works or our bad works! They are both worthless to Him. However, He still wants us to do good works during our time on earth, but NEVER for the purpose of paying for sins. So, what does God want? The answer is in the next frame, so please continue reading!



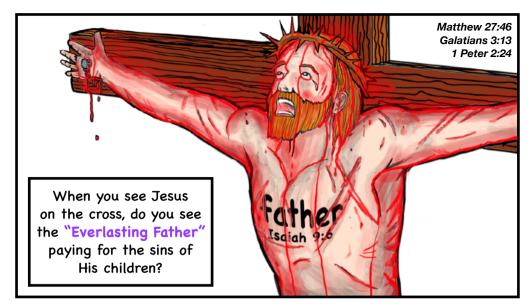
16. Now, the only way that God can forgive your sins is by punishing someone else for your sins! What do you think about that plan? Be careful how you answer; don't be too hasty! Where you spend eternity may depend on it. Imagine for a moment that God sends someone else to hell so that you can go to heaven. Would you want that?



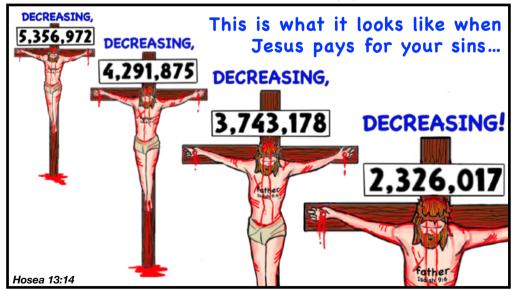
**33.** It is finished! Jesus accomplished the work that God sent Him to do. He paid for the sins of His children and made them perfect again, earning their salvation for them. The Bible says in **John 19:30** that when Jesus was dying, He said, "It is finished!" Then He cried with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. Jesus is the most amazing, self-sacrificial parent ever!



34. Being your own savior is not easy. There is no one to help you! You are responsible for each and every sin, from cradle to grave, and it's a very big debt! Do you know how to repay God for the sins of hatred, stealing, lying, or lust? No? How can you pay for your sins if you don't know that?? God wants you to stop trying to pay for your own sins and bring your sins to Jesus.



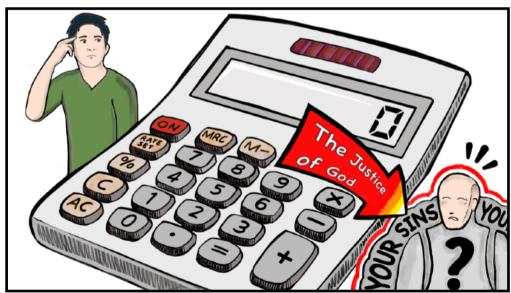
31. It's JESUS! When you see Jesus on the cross, do you see a father paying for the sins of his children? Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born (baby Jesus), and unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Jesus, like a father, came to pay for our sins for us.



**32.** Decreasing! Decreasing! Decreasing! While Jesus was on the cross, God was punishing Him for the sins of His children across all generations. With each blow, their sins began to **decrease** until their entire sin debt was paid! How great is the love of this **divine parent!** He gave up His throne in heaven to save us. **Isaiah 53:11** says, "He shall see the travail of His soul and be satisfied." Debt paid!



17. "I don't want that!" "That's not fair!" Are you sure you don't want that? Because if God doesn't punish someone else for your sins, *He is going to punish you for your sins!* Do you realize what that means? It means that you will spend eternity in hell, away from the goodness and love of God.



**18. Before you reject God's plan, let's do the math.** If God took all of your sins and put them on someone else's account and punished that person instead of you, how many sins would still be left on your account? **ZERO!** And what do we call a person with **ZERO** sins? **SINLESS!** And where do sinless people go when they die? **HEAVEN!** So, even if you don't like the idea of God punishing someone else, the math looks good!



19. Imagine that you have a little boy about 6 years old. One day he comes home from school and asks, "Father, can I go play soccer with my friends before dinner?" To which you reply, "Ok, but I don't want you playing near the Rich Man's house because he has big windows!" To which your little boy replies, "Ok!" But he does not obey!



**20.** As your little boy begins to play, he forgets about your warning, and in all of the excitement of the game, he kicks the ball harder than he ever has, and then suddenly !!!CRASH!!! Right through an \$800 custom window! After staring in horror, the boys all run home, but the Rich Man saw which boy broke his window!



29. Once you realize that God does not want your good works, you have a choice: humble yourself, like the little boy who broke the window, and let your "Everlasting Father" pay for your sins or remain stubborn and try to pay for your own sins. Matthew 18:3 says, "Unless you repent and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."



**30.** I have good news! You can have an "Everlasting Father" like that if you truly want one but, are you willing to repent from your sins? In Acts 3:19 God exhorts us with these strong words, "Now repent from your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away."



27. Yes, God would pay! If we as parents know how to save our own children, how much more does God know how to save His children? He created us! We get our parental instincts from Him! God saves us the same way that we save our own children. He pays! When you heard the story of the boy who broke the window, you replied immediately, "I would pay!" Even though it wasn't fair!



28. God is willing to pay for your sins...but are you willing to obey? Now that you know what God wants, what are you going to do? The reason why everyone is trying to pay for their own sins is because they don't have a father in heaven to help them! They are acting like orphans! But God is willing to adopt you and become your "Everlasting Father" and pay your sin debt. The question is: Are you willing to obey?



21. Suddenly, your son comes home early and goes straight to his room! As his door closes, the phone rings. It's the Rich Man! He informs you that your little boy just broke an \$800 window, and he wants to know who's going to pay for it! After assuring the Rich Man that you will pay for it, you go to your son's room. As you open the door, you find him on the floor crying with his piggy bank open and all of his toys out. He is counting, "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7..." What is he doing? He's trying to pay for the window himself!



22. Friend, you are doing the same thing as the little boy! Can you see it? You're trying to pay for your sins by yourself! The only difference is, now you are all grown up, and instead of paying for a single window, now you're trying to pay for the sins of an entire lifetime! This will never work! In Proverbs 14:12 we read, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."



23. Now, your little boy is 6 years old, he has no money, and he has no job, and you are the father. What are you going to do?



24. You would pay? Why would you pay? You didn't break the window!



25. Wait a minute! You said earlier, "That's not fair!" You said, "I don't want that!" You said, "You can't punish someone else for another person's sins!" That's not fair! Why all of a sudden did you change your mind?



26. Because He is your child? Because you love him?? Well, isn't God a father?

What do you think God would do if you were His child, and He knew that you couldn't pay for your sins?

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