

*"Nevertheless for Thy Great Mercies' Sake Thou Didst not Utterly Consume them, nor Forsake them; for **Thou Art A Gracious And Merciful God.**" Nehemiah 9:31 KJV*

The penalty for sin is death. *"Sin is the transgression (disobedience) of the Law. (God's Word) The soul that sinneth, it shall die."* No excuses excepted. Blood is required to pay for sin. *"Without the shedding of blood there is no remission."* Why? *"Life...is in the blood – life for life."* We are only free of the condemnation of sin, death, because Christ gave His Life; shed His Blood, *"a Ransom for many."* When death's angel passed over Egypt to claim the life of every firstborn, only those who shed the blood of the innocent lamb and put it on the doorposts and lintel were spared. The lamb's life was given for the firstborn. Death is the absence of life and God is Life. Sin separates us from Life, because God's Presence obliterates sin and redeems the sinner! Understanding what death really is; is vital to escaping it. Death is the absence of life. When the soul leaves the body we call it death. Adam was a soul with a body, but Adam was not a *"Living soul"* until God Breathed His own Life into him. *"The LORD God...Breathed into [Adam's] nostrils the Breath of Life; and man became a Living soul;"* as opposed to a dead soul, one without God, separated from God. If God is not your *"Life,"* then you are literally a DEAD soul! Jesus is God in the Flesh; all God – all man. *"In Him Dwelleth all the Fullness of the Godhead BODILY. The Word was God...and the Word was Made 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. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men."* There is no Eternal Life outside of God for He Is Life. *"Jesus Saith unto him, 'I (God's Word) Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.'" The Blood of "The Lamb of God" Purchased Life Eternal for "whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord. There is no difference; for the same Lord over all Is Rich unto all that call upon Him. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us."* All disobedience is sin; unbelief; and unbelief will damn your soul to the outer darkness of eternal absence of, separation from God! *"Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have Everlasting Life."* Your soul will never cease to be, but without faith it is dead, separated from God! Does it seem heaven is brass and God is deaf? *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not Hear me, [but] if we confess (admit and repent of) our sins, He is Faithful and Just (because He paid for them) to Forgive us our sins, and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for His Mercy Endureth Forever."* Sin separates you from *"Joy Unspeakable and full of Glory."* Without God's Forgiveness you'll be eternally dead! You can't be partly alive. Either you are with God or not! *"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him."* Unbelief damns you to eternity without God!



Christ's Blood for wretched sinners shed,
Like lamb to slaughter He was led,
To save whoever to Him cries,
And give them mansions in the skies! –CGP

God ever Rejoices over each repentant soul. *"There is Joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."* He Waits, Watching from the Ramparts of Glory for the hapless wandering prodigal making their way Home. As soon as He Sees their turn of heart, He Runs to Receive them with Eternal Arms of gracious Mercy. His Joy is always Full and the *"Joy of the LORD is your strength."* Why cling to bitter dregs of sin and death when you may have Fullness of Joy? Grace and Mercy bid you *"Come, take the Water of Life, freely."*

"I have set the LORD always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in Hope. For Thou wilt not Leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt Show me the Path of Life: in Thy Presence is Fulness of Joy; at Thy Right Hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalms 16:8-11 KJV