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be dealt with, and we cannot pay for our sins with good works or religious rituals; in the sight of a holy God, the best of our good works are like Isaiah 64: 6 “*filthy rags*”. Also, hoping that our good works will outweigh our bad works is like getting caught breaking the law by speeding and hoping to be let off because we don’t speed most of the time.

God could have left us as unholy sinners, with no way of redeeming ourselves, waiting for the just punishment we deserve. But God is good and merciful, and loves us, so the good news (the gospel) is that we can be reconciled to God because God’s Son substituted Himself as a sinless sacrifice to pay for our sins by dying for us on the cross, 1 Pet. 3: 18; “*for Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...*”. Rom. 6: 23. “*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*”

Christ took the punishment for our sins, so we can have His righteousness, and be viewed by God as righteous. This means we can avoid hell, and spend eternity in heaven with a loving and just God...now **that is good news!** Rom. 5: 8; “*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*”. 2 Cor. 5: 21. “*For he (God) hath made him (Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*”

We can be saved from God’s righteous judgement and punishment, if we repent (to turn: to feel regret for our sins, turn from our sinful nature and turn to God), believe, and in faith accept God’s offer of righteousness through Christ Acts 17: 30, 31 “*...but (God) now commandeth all men (people) every where to repent, because he hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by the man (Jesus Christ) whom he hath ordained. Whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.*”. Rom. 10: 13; “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*”. 2 Cor. 5: 20... “*we pray(beg) you in Christ’s stead,, be ye reconciled to God*”.

But if you stubbornly refuse to accept God’s offer of salvation through Christ, you are storing up God’s anger for the day of judgement, when He will render to each according to their deeds. Unsaved sinners will be eternally separated from God and Rev. 21: 8; “*...shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone...*”. Rev. 14: 11; “*And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night*”. see also Rom. 2: 4 – 11. So...you really do need to get saved! Do not put off your chance for salvation...2 Cor. 6: 2 “*behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*”. If you died tonight, where would you go?

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