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Jesus—Infinite God in Flesh

“Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for Me’” (Hebrews 10:5 NASB).

Only God is infinitely Holy and righteous: *“the Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He”* (Deut. 32:4). Man must be holy and perfect to be in God’s presence, *“because it is written, ‘You shall be Holy, for I am Holy’”* (1 Peter 1:16B). *“Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect”* (Matt. 5:48).

In Eden, man enjoyed God’s presence because he did not know sin, but fallen man cannot be holy or perfect because he “knows” good and evil and yet sins against God. None of God’s creation has aspired to His character, all have fallen short, even angels: *“Can mankind be just before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker? He puts no trust even in His servants; And against His angels He charges error”* (Job 4:17-19a). *“As it is written, ‘There is none righteous, not even one...there is none who does good, there is not even one’”* (Rom. 3:10a-12b). Sin is the pattern of all creation.

But sin cannot approach the Holy presence of God—there is an infinite gulf of separation: *“your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God”* (Isa. 54:2a). This separation means death for us. No works of man or angel can bridge the gulf. The requirement for man’s sin to be expunged had to be infinitely Holy and Righteous to bridge the infinite separation between man and God. These traits cannot be found in the creation, for it is impossible with them, *“but with God all things are possible”* (Matt. 19:26). Only God could bridge the gulf, and God did that in Jesus, Who *“appeared in order to take away sins; and in*

Him there is no sin” (1 John 3:5), for He is the *“Holy and Righteous One”* (Acts 3:14b). Being sinless, He alone had union with God.

God came into the world as Jesus, a man to pay the penalty for man’s rebellion and expunge the sins of all who make peace with God through Him. If Jesus was *simply* a great man, this would have been meaningless, because man can never hope to redeem himself, let alone others. Only a Holy intermediary could meet the requirements and purchase man from his sin. The price was infinitely great—death and eternal separation from God, but Jesus in His infinite nature, met the requirement, enduring the judgment man deserves for his sin—separation from the Father: *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”* (Mark 15:34b)

Yes, *“You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation”* (Rev. 5:9b). But as sinless God, judgment could not keep Him, and He arose, *“putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power”* (Acts 2:24b). By His work, *“Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us...If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness”* (Rom. 8:2b-3, 10), for everyone who *“believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness”* (Rom. 4:5).

The Believer has escaped the judgment of sin—death and eternal separation from God. Our faith in Jesus has made peace with God; we are made holy and righteous in His presence. The gulf is bridged by Jesus, Who said, *“I am the way...no one comes to the Father but through Me”* (John 14:6b). Even so, Amen.

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