

JESUS REVERSED THE CURSE BY BECOMING THE PERFECT SECOND ADAM, BY DYING TO CONDEMN SIN, AND BY RISING TO REMOVE ALL SIN AND DEATH FROM CREATION

The blood of the sinless Jesus was shed to remove the curse of sin and death. The curse will be removed from all creation and all sinners have the opportunity to have the curse removed from them by believing God's word as they respond appropriately to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. God hates sin because sin hurts people. Sin possesses its own punishment in sinners. God possesses no needs in Himself. God has no need to punish sinners. God has put in motion a plan for sinners to escape the penalty of sin. God loves lost sinners so much that He sent His Son to shed His blood so that the curse of sin and death will be removed from creation and all sinners who believe in Him, though they die, yet shall they live. Those who are united with Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, have a newborn spirit and that spirit cannot die. When the flesh (physical body) dies, that which is born of the Spirit does not die. Their spirit goes to God and God will bring their spirit back to earth to receive their resurrection body.

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life." Believing is crucial because the failure to believe God is fatal. "They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator who is blessed forever." "Whoever does not believe in the Son and does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." God's wrath is upon sin and against sin. The believer in Jesus is declared released

from sin's bondage and is promised ultimate release. For this reason the believer is moved out from under sin's penalty and out from under the wrath of God. Believing sinners are ultimately made totally sinless and totally righteous and there is no penalty for being sinless and righteous. God's plan for changing the believing sinner making him a new creation in Christ Jesus requires no change in God. Lost sinners who never believe in Jesus retain their sin nature and suffer the consequences of sin. Jesus judges them and sends them to eternal separation from the goodness of God. So there is no need in God to punish lost sinners. Sin has its own punishment. Sin produces its own separations and death. Since God changes the believing sinner to a new and holy creation, there is no need for the wicked deception which says that Jesus must pay the sin debt for those He redeems. The shed blood of Jesus has nothing to do with Jesus paying the penalty of sin or experiencing the wrath of God in our place. Instead, the shed blood of sinless Jesus condemns sin, and the resurrected Jesus releases believing sinners from sin's bondage and makes them new creations.

Adam sinned one time and brought upon creation the Law of sin and death. Jesus did one act of righteousness, sinless death, and nailed the Law of sin and death to the cross. The Spirit of Life regenerates the believing sinner and sets him free from the Law of sin and death. By nailing the written code (the Law of sin and death) to the cross, Jesus

became humanity's God-given substitute for Adam and gained the Way for man to be changed through new birth, sanctification, and ultimately glorification. By His omniscience of all our sin, Jesus felt the pain of all sin of all time being thrust against Him. The curse of the unjust physical death of sinless Jesus condemned sin and gave Jesus the right to remove all sin from creation. "Jesus bore our sins in His body on the tree."

Jesus reversed the curse by becoming the perfect Second Adam, by dying to condemn sin, and by rising from the dead to remove all sin and death from creation. "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us." The curse is that Jesus had to die a physical death in order to sentence "sin" to removal from the Universe. Sin killed the innocent, sinless, and holy Son of God.