

10- THE PAYMENT FOR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SINS

If you are a child of God, our second suggestion will enable you to glean the truth from God's Word, while you stay away from the seeds of error in your translation that you call your "Bible". **Make sure you are in fellowship with the Lord.** We are to repent of every known sin our material body has committed each day and confess them. When we do, Jesus Christ will intercede with the Father on our behalf. If we will repent and confess our **known sins**, the Lord will forgive us of our **unknown sins**.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (New International Version)

When Jesus Christ died, He fulfilled all **seven** of the offerings that the members of the Jewish Theocracy were required to offer. Since they did not have the **finished** Bible as we have today, (*"when that which is perfect is come..." 1st Corinthians 13:10*), God instituted those **seven** offerings as a picture of the complete sacrifice that Jesus Christ would offer by His death on the cross. It helped the people of that day to understand what sins the Messiah was going to pay for and the agony He was going to experience when He gave His life on behalf of those who are restored to fellowship with the Lord. We would like to call your attention to **two** of the **seven** offerings in particular. Dear friends, if you would like to know about the other **five**, please do not hesitate to correspond with us through messenger on Facebook.

One offering was **the Burnt Offering** (*Leviticus 1:1-17*). As the Burnt Offering was being completely consumed by the fire on the Brazen Altar, the worshiper was to repent of and confess all of their known sins. They were to look forward in faith and ask that the sacrifice the promised Messiah would give one day, pay for their known sins. **But the Lord tells us that the death of the animal did not pay for their sins.**

*"4. For it is **impossible** that sins should be taken away with blood of bulls and goats. Hebrews 9:4 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition).*

First, the person had to offer **the Burnt Offering** for **their known sins** (*Leviticus 1:1-17*). Then they offered an additional sacrifice for **their unknown sins** (*Leviticus 4:1-35*). As the second offering, called **the Sin Offering**, was being completely consumed by the fire on the Brazen Altar, the worshiper was to ask forgiveness for their unknown sins. They were to look

forward again in faith and ask that the sacrifice the promised Messiah would give one day, pay for their unknown sins as well as their known sins.

“²⁷If anyone of the common people **sins unintentionally** by doing something against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and is guilty,²⁸ or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.” (Leviticus 4:27-28 New King James Translation)

You may ask, "**What difference does it make?** Jesus Christ paid for all my sins by His death on the cross". Yes, that is true, but according to the sacred scriptures, **our material body** is accountable for keeping God's moral laws after our spiritual body is "born again" or restored back to fellowship with the Living God. Therefore, even though we have asked Jesus Christ to pay the sin debt we owe God, our material body will still be punished for every unrepented sin our material body commits on this earth after salvation. Please remember that it is our spiritual body that is **adopted** into the Family of God at the moment of salvation. Our material body is not changed one little bit. If we like banana pudding before our spiritual body is "born again", we are going to like banana pudding after our spiritual body is "born again". That is the reason our material body is not going to get out of this world alive.

" 6. For whom the Lord loves, He chastises; and **He scourges every son whom He receives.**' 7. Continue under discipline. God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not correct? 8. But if you are without discipline, in which all have a share, then are you **illegitimate children** and **not** sons." Hebrews 12:6-8 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition)

If we have not asked Jesus Christ to pay the sin debt we owe God, we will have to pay our sin debt for eternity in a place Jesus Christ called γέεννα (pronounced in English "gheh'-en-nah"-the Lake of Fire).

"²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (New American Bible-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

"¹¹And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books** were opened: and **another book** was opened, which is

*the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in **the books**, according to their works." Revelation or Apocalypse 20:11-12 (New International Version)*

"¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation or Apocalypse 20:15 (New International Version)

We would suggest to those who intend to "miss it for the world", that they commit as few sins as possible because each sin will make the torments in Gehenna (The Lake of Fire) that much greater when they end up having to pay for their sin debt, themselves, for eternity.