

Sin Debt Paid For Eternity

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What exactly does “sin debt paid for eternity” mean? Let’s start by defining the biblical definition of sin. Sin is the act of disobedience to God and His Word. The apostle Paul describes sin as performing unrighteous acts that will keep you out of God’s Kingdom if you commit them.

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (homosexuals), nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

In other words, if we are depending on our own righteousness, we are in trouble. Now that we know what sin is, what is debt? Debt is something that you owe someone else, which must be paid off. Usually monetary, but here we are referring to being in debt because of our sins, not a lack of money. Everyone has sin debt, some more than others, but even one sin will keep you out of heaven. You can’t come into the presence of the Almighty God with any sin debt. Therefore, your entrance into heaven will be denied, and you will head straight south...way south...into eternal hell! Since we understand what sin debt is and that we all have it from birth—yes, that is right, we are all born into sin. No one can deny that they have sinned. Once Adam and Eve disobeyed God, from that time on, everyone was born into sin, and all of humanity became sinners.

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Romans 5:12

That seems pretty bleak. If all humans are born into sin and just one sin keeps us out of heaven, what can we do about it? Likewise, why did God create us if we are all headed straight to hell from birth? That would be pointless! God never intended for Adam to sin, but because He has given mankind a free will, we can choose to sin or not. However, from the foundation of the world, the Father made a

way for us to be saved, which is through His Son, Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Hallelujah!

11 I declare unto you the gospel... which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 by which also ye are saved, ...3... that Christ died for our sins... 4 and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:1 Corinthians 15:1-7

When we declare and believe with all our hearts (not a mind thing), that Jesus Christ died, was buried, and arose to life on the third day, we are saved. It is not enough just to ask Jesus into your heart, because we're saved by our confession of faith in the finished work of the cross. This is the Gospel of Grace (see the "Salvation Prayer").

So that brings us to the word eternal or eternity. What is it? An eternity is described as infinite, timeless, or unending, in which there is no beginning and no end. That is hard for us to get our minds around, since we operate within time. Time has a past, present, and future. Another way to envision eternity is to look at a circle. Where does it begin and where does it end? No one knows. Therefore, since Jesus Christ operates outside of time, all our sin debt was paid for eternity. That is the past, present, and future. Under the Law, this was not true. Every time a Jew sinned, they had to confess, repent, and offer a sacrifice. In addition, the High Priest offered a sacrifice for their sins. Note, this ritual by the High Priest had to be done yearly because he could not erase their sins, but only covered them with the blood of an animal. So it was not for eternity as Jesus Christ's sacrifice was.

9 knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Romans 6:9-10

The book of Romans tells us that death no longer has dominion over Christ, and that he died once for sin, but now He lives! Sin and death can't defeat Him. Christ has victory over them. Again, how many times did He have to die, and for how long were our sins forgiven?

10 ... we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified (saved). Hebrews 10:10-12, 14

So Hebrews confirms that Jesus Christ died once for all and that, by one sacrifice, our sins are forgiven forever. However, there is a catch: we must be saved through the finished work of the cross. Hence, the word finished. It is a done deal. Because Christ did everything that was needed to save us, we just need to believe and confess that Christ's sacrifice was enough.

*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed** with that Holy Spirit of promise, Ephesians 1:13*

Verse thirteen says that upon salvation, the Holy Spirit seals us for eternity. In addition, verse fourteen says that the Holy Spirit's seal guarantees our inheritance until the Lord redeems us. Did you catch that "until the Lord redeems us"? Sounds pretty absolute, doesn't it? Likewise, Corinthians confirms this.

²¹ Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; ²² who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Here, established means permanent acceptance or recognition and earnest is a pledge or guarantee. Simplified, this verse is saying that "true grace believers" are established in Christ, anointed, sealed, and given the Holy Spirit in their hearts as a guarantee. What could be a more certain guarantee than one from a God who can not lie?

Another way to think of it, is this: you had a mortgage that someone paid off, and the bank confirms it by a notarized letter. Still, every month you try to make a payment, and the bank tells you that your debt has been paid. Over and over, the same thing happens. Why? Because you have no faith that the payoff was enough to clear your debt. In fact, each time you ask for forgiveness for sins that have already

been forgiven, you are trying to re-crucify Christ. Just like Moses did when he struck the rock twice.

Exodus 17:6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Numbers 20:7 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, ... 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. 12 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

In Hebron, when the Israelites had no water, the Lord told Moses to strike the rock one time, which signified Christ's death. Later, when they needed water again, God told Moses to speak to the rock. Since the rock symbolized Christ and he was only going to be struck down or put to death once, Moses was to strike the rock only once, not on two separate occasions. God was very displeased with Moses, so much so, he forbade him from entering the Promised Land. How much more does it displease the Lord when we confess and ask for forgiveness for sins that He has already died for? It is like we are trying to re-crucify Him all over again. Hasn't Christ already done enough? He forgave every conceivable sin that humanity could commit. He defeated sin once and for all, for all. That is what He meant when He said, "It is finished". Sin was defeated for all eternity. If we are saved, our sin debt has been paid off. It is a done deal! Hallelujah and praise God!

Only, the Holy Spirit can discern if we truly understand the depth of what Jesus has done for us. The Spirit knows a person's life from beginning to its end. He knows that if 10, 20, or 50 years down the road that individual is going to denounce Christ and turn away, so in that case, they would not be sealed. Now that our sins have been forgiven forever (past, present, and future), we do not need to confess sins that are under the blood. The finished work of the cross changed the need for

confessed sins. If in fact we needed to confess our sins, then we would have to be re-saved every time we sinned. Our salvation would be in question daily. Instead, thank Jesus Christ for His blood sacrifice. Does this mean that we don't need to be concerned when we sin? No, of course not! Your freedom is not a license to sin, but a motivation not to. We should make a 180 degree change in our behavior. How do we do that? With the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit guiding our life every step of the way. However, we need to recognize when we sin, repent (change our ways), and turn back to God. If you are saved by the Gospel of Grace, you are freed from your chains, so start living for the Lord. Praise God and thank Jesus Christ that you are saved and free!!! As always, remember, don't just take my word for it...search the scriptures for yourself! (<https://unveiledwordministries.org>)

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