



“The Restored Gospel of Love!” ***According to the New Ransom Atonement Theory.***

*“I felt it necessary to write to you, and appeal to you to **Contend Earnestly for ‘The Faith’**, which was entrusted to God’s holy people, once for all time.” (Jude 1:3)*

The Old Ransom Atonement Gospel

For the first 1,100 years of the Church, the Ransom Gospel was the most widely held view of the Atonement, as Augustine of Hippo wrote in the 4th Century, *“The Redeemer came and the deceiver was overcome. What did our Redeemer do to our Captor? In payment for us He set the trap, His Cross, with His blood for bait. He [Satan] could indeed shed that blood; but he had no right to drink it. By shedding the blood of One who was not his debtor, he was forced to release his debtors.”*

God GAVE His Son as a Ransom for us, because HE LOVES US! *“For God loved the world so much, that He GAVE his only born Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in him wouldn’t perish, but have eternal life.”* (John 3:16) For *“God demonstrated HIS OWN LOVE toward us, in that WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:8) **Love was the reason for the Atonement.** But sadly today there is a false gospel within the Church, that teaches, *“Jesus died to appease the Father’s wrath.”*

The Great Eleventh Century Heresy

At the close of the 11th Century, in 1098 a Roman Catholic Philosopher, by the name of Anselm, published his book, *“Cur Deus Homo”* in it he sought to discredit the Ransom Atonement Gospel, but he didn’t use Scripture to disprove it, instead he reasoned according to the feudal social system of that time; that God since God is the King of the Universe, wouldn’t have to give anything to the devil; claiming that if He did, that would make the devil God’s equal. (But if a murderer kidnaps you’re children, and you give your life as a ransom to secure their release: that doesn’t somehow make you and your murderer equal: rather that is True Love!) But instead Anselm ascribes to the Father the devil’s main narcissistic characteristic: self-centered-pride. Claiming that like a king whose honor had been challenged, God’s Wrath burned against all humanity. And Anselm reasoned that since we are the peasants who dishonored the King: there was nothing that we could do to appease Him. (But that’s not True, because even under the law GOD said, *“Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.”* Isaiah 55:7, also see Isaiah 1:18 & Micah 6:8)

Nevertheless Anselm taught: God CAN’T just forgive sin; because divine justice requires sin first to be punished. (But if sin must be punished; that is not true forgiveness!) Anselm also claimed that since Jesus became human, He too owed God a debt; but by being obedient unto death on the cross, Jesus paid more than he owned. So because of the surplus of his payment, now we too can be forgiven.

Anselm’s heretical teaching completely removed God’s Love and the devil from the equation. Nevertheless, the Scriptures teach, *“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.”* (Hebrews 2:14) This Scripture does not say, *“That through death He might appease the Father,”* but rather, *“That through death He might destroy him WHO HAD THE POWER OF DEATH...the devil.”* (Also see 1 John 3:8) Yet sadly, the Roman Catholic Church embraced Anselm’s Heresies as Official Church Doctrine.

Four-hundred years later, during the time of the Reformation, the reformers were so steeped in this doctrine, that they still believed that the Father was an angry God who had to be appeased by the death of Christ. So they only modified Anselm’s theory slightly: Luther called his new theory the Penal Atonement Theory and Calvin called his new theory the Vicarious Satisfaction Theory.

But I would remind the reader of what the Apostle Paul said, *“If WE, or a messenger from heaven, proclaims any other gospel to you; other than that which we have proclaimed to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if ANYONE proclaims any other gospel to you; other than that which you have received, let him be accursed!”* (Galatians 1:8-9) Therefore, we don’t want to just parrot someone else’s Theory, rather each of us needs to be like the Bereans, *“and search the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so.”* (Acts 17:11) We each need to *“Study to show [ourselves] approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase to more ungodliness.”* (2 Timothy 2:15-16 AKJV)

I cringe every time I hear a preacher proclaim the Penal Atonement Gospel, because it is not only unbiblical, it's blasphemous!

The Parable of the Prodigal Son shows us clearly that God does not seek retribution, nor does He feel the need to punish us for our sins; God simply wants us to return to Him. (See Luke 15:11-32) Plus, how could killing an innocent person ever satisfy Divine Justice? But even worse, this false gospel turns our Loving Heavenly Father into a sadist; who derived satisfaction from torturing His own Son on the Cross! (I actually heard a teacher, whom I respect, say, "I believe that when God poured out His Wrath on Jesus on the cross; he gave Him all of the sickness and deceases of mankind." But such a gospel turns our loving Heavenly Father into a monster, who added His own afflictions to the afflictions His Son had already received from the devil, the Pharisees, and the Romans.. (So it's my earnest prayer that GOD will use this letter to change the Church's paradigm forever; because this doctrine truly dishonors the Father.)

Also this false gospel doesn't agree with how GOD describes Himself: **"I AM! I AM! A COMPASSIONATE and GRACIOUS GOD, SLOW TO ANGER, and ABUNDANT in LOVING KINDNESS and truth, watching over thousands WITH LOVING KINDNESS. FORGIVING INIQUITY and DISOBEDIENCE and SIN; but one who will by no means cleanse [the unrepentant]."** (Exodus 34:6-7) And it definitely doesn't agree with how the Apostle John describes God, in 1 John 4:8 & 4:16, **"GOD IS LOVE!"**

Many who have gone to Bible College and been taught the Penal Atonement Theory as Gospel Truth, may ask, "If what you're saying is true; then why does Isaiah 53 imply that God poured out His Wrath on Jesus?" **It doesn't!** Isaiah 53:4 simply says, **"We ourselves assumed him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted."** (LEB) The prophet is simply stating the fact that when the people saw Jesus on the Cross, they ASSUMED God was punishing Him. **"But what about Isaiah 53:10?" "It pleased the LORD to let him be bruised; he let him be put to grief: because You determined to make his soul an offering for sin."** The reason it **"PLEASED"** the Father to let His Son be crucified, is the same reason Jesus found **"JOY"** on the Cross (Hebrews 12:2); because **"BY HIS KNOWLEDGE my righteous servant will justify many; because he will bear their iniquities."** (Isaiah 53:11)

The Bible, like the hymn by Dave Hunt, teaches: **"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, New every morning, New every morning, New every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness, O LORD. Great is Thy faithfulness."** But this false gospel teaches God is not very loving and He is totally unmerciful when it comes to our sins; and it's actually has given us two gods, that are completely different from each other, **AN ANGRY FATHER & A COMPASSIONATE SON.**

Because of this, most Christians have a schizophrenic view of God. Because they have believed parts of both of these Gospels. But both of these Gospels cannot be TRUE! (**But the TRUE GOSPEL will agree with everything that is written in The Book.**) So let's take a look at these 2 Gospels side by side: because this Angry God Gospel dishonors our Heavenly Father, by making Him appear much more vengeful and angry than He actually is, and much less merciful and compassionate than He actually is; and so it greatly diminishes His Love and Glory.

How Do You Picture God?

How do you picture Father God? Do you see Him as a strict judge or someone who is like Jesus? If you see Him as a strict judge, you need to have a paradigm shift; because Jesus said, **"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."** (John 14:6) **But the devil doesn't want the world to know that OUR FATHER IS JUST LIKE JESUS. And Jesus is just like our Father.**

Therefore, for Centuries **"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, TO KEEP THEM FROM SEEING the light of the Good News of THE GLORY OF CHRIST, who IS THE IMAGE OF GOD."** (2 Corinthians 4:4) Lest **"the light of the knowledge of THE GLORY OF GOD in the FACE OF JESUS CHRIST should SHINE ON THEM."** (2 Corinthians 4:6)

The way the devil was able to do this, was by creating a false gospel that sounds Scriptural; so that Christians themselves would believe it and propagate it. That's why we must, **"Test all things; and hold on tightly to that which is good."** (1 Thessalonians 5:21) **"Examine yourselves to see if you are in The Faith."** (2 Corinthians 13:5), because a person who has been deceived, doesn't know that they have been deceived.



How we picture God is VERY IMPORTANT: because if we picture our Father as always being angry, we'll hear everything He says in an angry tone of voice; but if we picture our Father as being **JUST LIKE JESUS**, we'll hear everything He says in a more balanced tone of voice.

“The New Ransom Atonement Theory” And why I believe it is the True Gospel.

But first, let me first share how I came to this conclusion: back in the 1970's as a young Christian I enjoyed going to Lithia Park and sharing Jesus with those in the New Age Cults, and Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses; because at least these people were seeking God. But sometimes what they said sounded so close to the truth, that I would question my own heart; *“Do I believe this because this is what the Bible says? Or because this is what I've been taught?”* So I bought a Greek/English New Testament Interlinear and a Strong Concordance and looked up every verse I could find on whatever the topic I was looking into, and checked the meaning of the Greek and Hebrew words (to make sure they were translated correctly), because my Goal was to find the one interpretation that would agree with everything that was written in The Bible; this helped my faith and understanding of God's Word to grow. (Because of this, I rarely read Bible Commentaries, because I really don't care what this or that person thought; because they're only human and they're not infallible: but GOD'S WORD IS INFALIBLE! So when I am studying the Bible, I'm searching for the interpretation that will agree with everything GOD has written in the Volume of His Book.)

So as a young Christian, who Loved the Lord, one of the things I really wanted to understand was, **“Why did Jesus have to die for us?”** So I read my Bible from cover to cover to try to piece together the reason Jesus had to die. And the following are the things the Lord taught me.

But when I was rewriting my **‘Jesus Revolution 3’** (article a couple of months ago), and doing some related research, I discovered that there was another theory called ‘The Penal Atonement Theory.’ I had often heard its tenets taught in sermons; but I did realize that it was a widely accepted theory, and that it had a name, nor did I realize so many people believed it!

But as I read more about this Theory, I came to realize that all the bad doctrines that I'd written against in **‘Jesus Revolution 3’**, grew off this Penal Atonement Tree. But I was even more shocked to find out that my view of the Atonement is the Minority View today; especially since for the first 1,100 years of the Church, the Ransom Atonement Gospel was the Gospel most Christians proclaimed. And that's why I am sending this letter out to as many people as I possibility can: because we need to **“Contend for The Faith, which was entrusted to God's holy people, once for all time,”** and challenge this 1000 year old heresy!

The Restored Ransom Atonement Gospel

Why did Jesus have to die? That people might **“come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap, having been taken captive by him to do his will.”** (2 Timothy 2:26) For **“Don't you know? That to whomever you present yourselves as obedient slaves, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey.”** (Romans 6:1) But a slave doesn't own anything, his life and everything he has belongs to his Master! So by rebelling against God, Adam & Eve handed the Title Deed to the Earth over to the devil; and that's why Satan could basically boast to Jesus, **“If you want the Earth back, bow down and worship me!”** (See Luke 4:5-7 & Matthew 4:8-9) Jesus didn't dispute the devil's claim, because Jesus knew that our souls and the whole Earth had been taken captive by the devil. (See 2 Timothy 2:26, Ephesians 2:2-3, 1 John 5:19, & Colossians 1:13) **So the devil and our rebellious hearts are the problem, not God!**

Since God GAVE us a free will, He can't usurp our will, so since of our own free will we chose to rebel against God, the only way that we can be restored to God is: if of our own free will **we CHOSE to return to Him.** So **“GOD DEMONSTRATED HIS OWN LOVE TOWARD US, in that, WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, Christ died for us.”** (Romans 5:8) That we might **CHOOSE JESUS!** (John 1:12, Matthew 11:28, & Revelation 3:20)

How Did Jesus' Death Defeat the devil?

The following Scriptures show clearly that it was not God's Wrath that needed to be appeased, but the devil that needed to be taken out of the way:

“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.” (Hebrews 2:14)
“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.” (1 Corinthians 15:58) *“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.”* (Revelation 12:10)

The devil knew one thing about God, "It's **“It's IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie!”** Therefore the devil has always tried to use God's own words against Him, and against us: because the devil knew that, **“God is not a man,**

that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19) Therefore as Satan did through the prophet Balaam (Revelation 2:14), the devil entices people to sin and then uses God's word against them; and then he reminds God of what He had said; to if possible get God Himself to judge them, or at least bring the sinner under the devil's dominion; because it is written, *"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves as slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey."* (Romans 6:16) So it's not that the devil is more powerful than God, or that the devil is God's equal: it's simply, God has bound Himself by His Word, because God honors His Word even above all of His names. (See Psalm 138:2 & Hebrews 6:13-18)

Therefore for God to redeem mankind He had to have a plan that would fulfill everything He had said, and that would win our hearts back to Himself. But the devil was completely unaware of God's plan to redeem His people from devil with His own blood. Nevertheless, God had this plan in place *"from the foundation of Cosmos."* Because *GOD SAW ALL OF OUR TOMORROWS, more clearly than we can remember yesterday.* (See Psalm 90:4, 139:16 & Ephesians 2:10) Therefore God saw the wedding supper of the Lamb in Heaven in Revelation 19:6-10 & 21:1-27 before the foundation of the Cosmos, and He saw Himself wiping over tear from our eyes (Revelation 21:4), and He saw us walking and talking with Him throughout eternity (Revelation 3:4) And that is why Jesus is called *"The Lamb slain from the foundation of the Cosmos."* (Revelation 13:8) And Jesus saw our *"names written in the Lamb's Book of Life"*, and it was THIS KNOWLEDGE, that gave Jesus the *"strength to ensure cross"*, because of *"the joy"* it would bring Him to one day welcome you and I into Heaven. (See Hebrews 12:2)

Therefore the following verse should have more meaning to you now: *"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the (Hilasmos) satisfying sacrifice for our sins."* (1 John 4:10) Jesus death was the *"Satisfying Sacrifice"* for our sins, because it satisfied the requirements of the Law of Moses (Colossians 2:14); and it satisfied God's desire to forgive all of our sins and *"justify the ungodly"* (1 Timothy 4:5, Romans 3:26 & 4:5); and it satisfied Jesus because we would become His Bride; and ironically it even satisfied the devil--but only for a very short time.

But it all of this hinged on one critical act, the devil of his own free will would have to choose to crucify the innocent Son of God; and thus fulfill the very first prophecy given by God in the Bible: *"He will crush your head (authority), and you will bruise his heel."* (Genesis 3:14)

How did Jesus' death both Satisfy & Defeat the devil?

God hide an obscure passage in the Law of Moses (one that had never been implemented in the entire history of Israel, until the day Jesus died on the Cross). But when the devil became aware of that passage, he thought he had finally found a way to get rid of Jesus; but it back-fired on him: because this was part of God's Secret Plan.

That Passage is found in Deuteronomy 21:22-23, and it reads, *"If a person commits a sin deserving of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body is not to be left overnight on the tree, but you must bury him the same day (for he who is hanged is cursed by God)."*

But because **God said it.** And because Satan knew, *"You have magnified Your word above all Your names."* (Psalm 138:2) The devil thought that if he could crucify Jesus, **the Father would have to curse His own Son; because he knew that God honors His word above everything else!** Because *"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"* (Numbers 23:19) Because *"It's IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie!"* (Hebrews 6:18) And the devil was right about this; but what the devil didn't realize was that this was part of God's Secret Plan.

That's why it is Now written: *"He made Him who knew no sin, to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."* (2 Corinthians 5:21) Jesus *"became sin"* by allowing Himself to be *"hung on a cross."* But because He did, *"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; because it's written, 'CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE.'"* (Galatians 3:13) And because the Father honors His word even above His name, the Father HAD TO turn His face away from His Son, when Jesus became sin for us.

But those who embrace this 'Penal Atonement Theory' claim, *"God poured out His Wrath on Jesus on the Cross."* But Jesus **didn't** cry out, *"My God, my God! Why are you pouring out your Wrath on me?"* but rather, *"My God, my God! Why have you have you forsaken me?"* because for **the first time** since eternity past, fellowship with His Father was broken. But no supernatural judgment from the Father came against Jesus that day, the only supernatural event that happened before His death, was the heavens became as black as night, when the Father turned His face away.

Here's how it happened: *"The chief priests... said, "What are we going to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him continue on like this, everyone will believe in him."* (Luke 11:47-48) Satan realized this too; so Satan entered Judas, and Judas went to the High Priests to betray Jesus. Satan and all the demons rejoiced the day they crucified Jesus, and **"Satan was satisfied"**, because he thought he'd finally gotten rid of Jesus. But what the devil didn't realize until 3 days later, was that the Father, like a Chess-Master, had (so to speak) OUTSMARTED him, by enticing him to take His Queen (metaphorically speaking). But by taking **the Hilasmos (the Satisfying Sacrifice) THE DEVIL WAS IN CHECKMATE!** (It was an EXTREMELY WISE, but EXTREMELY COSTLY MOVE! ~ But now that we KNOW HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, we should LOVE GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART!) Therefore, ***"We are speaking of the wisdom of God's Secret Plan, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, Which NONE of the rulers of this age knew: for had they known it, they never would have crucified the Lord of glory."*** (1 Corinthians 2:7-8)

For God had to hide His Secret Plan to ransom His children back from the devil, because had the devil known, the prophecy in Genesis 3:14 would never have been fulfilled: ***"He will crush your head (authority), and you will bruise his heel."*** The devil bruised Jesus heel on the Cross, but Jesus Crushed the dragon's head at the Cross; because, it's written 3 times in The Law, ***"Life for life."*** (Leviticus 24:18, Exodus 21:23, Deuteronomy 19:21) So since **the devil murdered the innocent Son of God** on the Cross, Satan's Sin is now greater than anyone's sin in the entire Universe, and he now owes a debt which he cannot pay: ***"LIFE FOR LIFE!"*** So now he must release from captivity even the worst sinner when they **call on the Name of JESUS!**

Therefore, I'm convinced that this Angry God Gospel was born out of the pit of Hell, and that Satan himself is its author: because this false gospel **leaves the devil completely out of the equation, and instead makes the Father's supposed wrath against us the problem.**

A New Law Written in Our Hearts

The other thing that Jesus did on the Cross; was **He taught us the True Meaning of Love, and Won our hearts!** For Jesus said, ***"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: Love each other, just as I have Loved you. No one has Greater Love than this; that someone should lay down their own life for their friends."*** (John 15:12-13) And then Jesus did just that, Jesus laid down His life for us on the Cross, and then 3 days later He rose from the dead.

So now the Father also has just **One Commandment**, ***"THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT: that we believe and trust in the name of His Son Jesus Christ; and Love one another, just as He commanded us."*** (1 John 3:23) Because the Ten Commandments were only designed to be temporary, until God could send His Son to teach us **God's True Law of Love.**

The reason God gave the Jews the Ten Commandment in the wilderness, wasn't because it was His Eternal Standard; but because the people were rebellious and didn't want to hear the voice of God (See Deuteronomy 18:16), God gave them the Ten Commandment instead; so that at least they would stop wronging one another, and have a form of godliness until He could send His Son to teach us the True Meaning of Love.

That's why God told Moses, ***"I will raise up a prophet like you for them, from among their brothers, I will put my words in his mouth, and HE WILL TELL THEM EVERYTHING THAT I COMMAND HIM."*** (Deuteronomy 18:18) Therefore, ***"GOD said, 'THE DAYS ARE COMING, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt... But this is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS, AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.'"*** (Jeremiah 31:31-33)

AND THOSE DAYS HAVE COME! So Jesus gave us a New Law and a New Commandment, ***"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: Love each other, just as I have Loved you... EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER, I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU... THESE THINGS I COMMAND YOU: YOU'RE TO LOVE EACH OTHER."*** (See John 15:12-17) So we no longer have any need for the Ten Commandments, ***"Because since LOVE does no wrong to a neighbor; LOVE fulfills the Law."*** (Romans 13:10) **So NOW we have GOD'S LAW written on the Tablets of our Hearts, instead of on Tablets of Stone.** (2 Corinthians 3:3-11)

"If GOD is LOVE: Why will He send some people to Hell?"

The reason God cannot let everyone into Heaven, is not because we have all sinned, and our sins must be punished; as this false gospel claims. Rather it's because most of us are selfish self-seeking people. And if God were to allow selfish self-seeking people into Heaven (who have no desire to know, love, and obey God), Heaven would become just as messed up as the Earth! For the prophet Micah tells us what God's Requirements are, ***"He has shown you, O man, what is GOOD. And what does the LORD REQUIRE of you? TO DO JUSTLY, LOVE TO SHOW COMPASSION, and TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD."*** You have to **want**

to know and walk with God! That means always doing what is just, right, and good, and being loving and compassionate toward others.

But the problem is most of us don't live like that on a daily basis: yet God's invitation to come and walk with Him has always been open to anyone who would respond. That's why even under the Old Testament Law, God said, *"Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon."* (Isaiah 55:7) Therefore God said, *"Come now, and let's reason together," says the LORD: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they will become as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they will become [as white] as wool."* (Isaiah 1:18) (For an example of this see the story about Wicked King Manasseh in 2 Chronicles 33:1-20 & 2 Kings 21:1-18) For God has always been willing to **forgive** and **cleanse** everyone and anyone who comes to Him; if they truly have a Change of Heart. God simply requires that we are willing to walk with Him and obey Him, because if we are, His Great Love can change us and transform our nature. ~ So when people tell you, *"God's Standard is Perfection!"* **That is a lie!** Because none of those whom God called **"Righteous"** in the Old Testament were sinless: **they simply loved and believed in God!** **"And God credited their faith in Him as Righteousness."** (See Romans 4:3-12, Galatians 3:6, James 2:23)

But this false Vindictive God Gospel turns our Loving Heavenly Father into an Unmerciful Judge who demands absolute perfection, and who would send even those who seek to do good to Hell for committing one sin. And for the redeemed, it turns Jesus into our defense attorney; who must defend us daily before the Father.

BUT NONE OF THAT IS TRUE! ~ JESUS IS "The Righteous Judge!" Not the Father! (2 Timothy 4:8) Because the Father gave Jesus *"the right to execute judgment, since he is a son of man."* (John 5:21) For it's written, *"The heaven, [even] the heavens, [are] the LORD's; But He has given the earth to the children of men."* (Psalm 115:16) Since God gave the Earth to man, God had to redeem and judge the Earth through a man; because God could not usurp authority over the dominion He had GIVEN to Adam, *"Because the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."* (Romans 11:28) That's why Jesus said, **"THE FATHER JUDGES NO ONE, because HE'S GIVEN ALL JUDGMENT TO THE SON."** (John 5:32) So Scripture declares, **"And the Lord Jesus Christ... will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom."** (2 Timothy 4:1) **"All the nations will be gathered before Him."** (Matthew 25:32, 25:31-46) Therefore Peter declared, **"HE COMMANDED US TO PROCLAIM to the people and TO EARNESTLY TESTIFY that HE IS THE ONE whom GOD appointed AS JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD."** (Acts 10:42)

The Great White Throne Judgment ~ Christ in His Glory! The Glory which He had before the foundation of the Cosmos.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, the small and the great, standing 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 deeds." (Revelation 20:11-12) He *"will repay each person according to what they have done. Indeed, to those who are seeking eternal life through patient continuance in doing good—glory and honor and immortality. But to those who are self-seeking, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and anger. There will be tribulation and distress for every human soul who does evil."* (Romans 2:6-9)

"For when those of the nations, who do not have the law, by nature do the things contained in the law, these though they don't have the law, are a law to themselves: Who show that the work of the law is written in their hearts—their conscience also testifying, and their thoughts within themselves either accusing or defending them; On the day when God judges people's secret [motives], by Jesus Christ." (Romans 2:14-16)

"All the nations will be gathered before Him." (Matthew 25:32a) *"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hades delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were each judged according to their deeds."* (Revelation 20:13) *"He will separate them one from another, like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you who are supremely blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Because I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; Naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.' ...Then he will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his messengers! Because I was hungry, and you gave me no food; I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you didn't take me in; naked, and you didn't clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' ...'Indeed, I tell you, Inasmuch as you didn't do it to one of the least of these, you didn't do it to me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into eternal life."* (Matthew 25:32b-46) **Because Jesus takes how we treat others personally!**

Therefore Jesus taught, *“Whatever you want people to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”* (Matthew 7:12-14) But the FACT remains, some did find it!

So the Bible does not teach that everyone who stands before the Great White Throne Judgment will be condemned; yet that is what this false penal gospel claims. **So we must lay the ax to the root of this Penal Heresy Tree, and cut it down: BECAUSE IT IS A FALSE IDOL!** (Mark 3:10 & Luke 3:9) And many hearts have been hardened against **THE TRUE GOD** because of it! Because people do not want to serve a god who demands absolute perfection, one who would even send those who want to please Him and seek to love their fellow-man to Hell. **But the Good News is: that is NOT the GOD of the Bible!**

**I believe GOD IS MUCH MORE MERCIFUL & COMPASSIONATE
Than this Penal punishment gospel has allowed us even to imagine.**

Jesus said something very thought provoking in Matthew 12:20-24, “He began to denounce the cities in which most of his mighty works had been done, because they didn't have a change of heart: *“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! Because if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their minds long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But **I tell you, IT WILL BE MORE TOLERABLE for Tyre and Sidon on the Day of Judgment, than for you.** And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades! Because if the mighty works, which have been done in you, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But **I tell you, IT WILL BE MORE TOLERABLE for the land of Sodom on the Day of Judgment, than for you.**”* Jesus says this in the form of a PROCLAMATION and a DECLARATION; but He doesn't explain what it means.

But after Jesus died on the Cross: He descended into the deepest part of the Earth, past Paradise (*Abraham's Bosom*), into the Satan's Realm of the Damned; and there **“He proclaimed Good News to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient.”** (See 1 Peter 3:18-20)

What was the Good News Jesus Proclaimed to the Damned?

Personally I believe it was this: *“He Himself is the Satisfying Sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”* (1 John 2:2) And that since He knew many of them would have received Him, if they had had the opportunity to receive Him in their generations. Jesus may have said, *“I am going to allow you to be reborn in another generation, where you will have the opportunity to receive or reject Me; but you will not remember this time, nor your former lives.”* And I believe there is a Biblical precedent for this: because when John the Baptist was asked, “Are you Elijah?” though he answered, “No.” Jesus said of John the Baptist, *“If you are willing to accept it, HE IS ELIJAH, the one who is going to come [again].”* (Matthew 11:14) So who was right? John the Baptist? Or Jesus?

But please don't teach this as doctrine, because although I believe this may very well be the case; and after over 45 years of pondering this possibility, I haven't found any Scriptures that refute it: yet it doesn't have enough Scriptural evidence to teach it as Doctrine! Nevertheless Knowing the heart of Jesus and the Father I believe it may very well be true, and that is why I am sharing this Theory here. Because we know that *“[God] desires for all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”* (1 Timothy 2:4) And because of the Compassion of Christ, to me it only makes sense, that since Jesus Knew they would have received Him, that He would give them the opportunity to do so. Since it is within His power to do so!

Another reason I believe this may be possible is because when the disciples asked Jesus, *“Who then can be saved?”* Jesus answered, *“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”* (See Matthew 19:23-26) Plus I believe this is possible because **GOD LIKES to have Mercy on our Ignorance:** Scripture says, *“These times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all people everywhere to have a change of heart.”* (Acts 17:30) And on the Cross, Jesus prayed, *“Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.”* (Luke 23:34) And GOD told Jonah, *“So should I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than 120,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left?”* (Jonah 4:11) Therefore Paul said, *“God showed me mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.”* (1 Timothy 1:13) Yet in “The Way of the Master” gospel presentation they claim, *“Ignorance of the Law is no excuse.”* But from GOD'S PERSPECTIVE it is!

Also I believe this Theory may be correct; because it agrees with God's sense of fairness and justice, by giving everyone who has ever lived the same opportunity. (And maybe that is why there are so many people on earth right now? Because it is time for the Final Harvest!) But sadly, even if all of this is true, we know that not everyone will be saved; because we are told in Revelation 20:15, *“And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, they were thrown into the lake of fire.”* But possibly more people will be saved than we can possibly fathom; but for them to be saved **we need to share the Restored Gospel of Love** with them, *“Because how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him?”* (Romans 10:14)

The Last Thing I want to share here Concerns "The Sinner's Prayer."

All of these penal gospel presentations end with what is called, *"The Sinners Prayer."* And the person they are witnessing to is told, *"Just repeat this prayer after me; and you will be SAVED."* But a prayer that is prayed without truly making Jesus the LORD of your life, won't SAVE anyone! After the prayer, in some of these presentations, the person is told, *"As a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, BECAUSE YOU PRAYED THAT PRAYER: I tell you, All your sins are forgiven, past, present, and future. You are SAVED, and your on your way to Heaven!"*--But that is ONLY TRUE if they have TRULY MADE JESUS THE LORD THEIR LIFE.

Because Jesus said, *"If anyone wants to be my disciple, they must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."* (Matthew 16:24) But *"Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take their cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me."* (Matthew 10:37-38) *"And you are to be my witnesses (to tell other people about in Me)... even unto the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8) Therefore, *"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven."* (Matthew 10:32-33 NIV) Therefore, *"Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life because of Me and because of the gospel will save it."* (Mark 8:35) *"Then [in God's Kingdom] the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever."* (Daniel 12:3) But most of these penal gospel presentations **don't even ask** people to MAKE JESUS THE LORD OF THEIR LIFE.

After paying the Sinner's Prayer, many people go away thankful, NOT because they NOW KNOW GOD, but because they think, *"At least I've gotten God off my back; and don't have to worry about going to Hell."* So they go away and live the rest of their lives just as they have always lived it; and they don't really have a desire to know anything more about God, because they feel they've learned all they need to know about God. But on Judgment Day, Jesus will tell many of these people, *"DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO ACT WICKEDLY: I NEVER KNEW YOU!"* (Matthew 7:23) Because *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 7:21) So we did these people a great disservice, by saying, *"Just repeat this prayer, and you will be SAVED!"* Instead they should have been told them, *"If you make Jesus THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE, you will be saved!"* (Romans 10:9-10) *"Therefore, since you were purchased at a very high price; Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, because they belong to God."* (1 Corinthians 6:20)

A Final Thought: For over 500 years this Penal Atonement Gospel has been proclaimed, and it has hardened untold millions against God, because Christians taught, *"All the heathen who have never heard the Gospel are lost; and those who have died, are in Hell right now!"* (And people RIGHTLY THOUGHT, that's unfair!) Yet that is what the Penal Atonement Gospel teaches: that God automatically sends people to Hell, even if they have only committed one sin in their lifetime, and even those who were seeking God according to the knowledge of God that they had in their hearts. **But if this is True, then the Apostle Paul and GOD are wrong!** Because Paul said, *"He has made out of one blood every nation of people to dwell on the face of the whole earth, having pre-determining their fixed times and the fixed boundaries of their habitation; THAT THEY SHOULD SEEK GOD, and perhaps feel their way toward him, AND FIND HIM."* (Acts 17:26-27) I know that the Christians who are sharing this Gospel, sincerely want to get people saved. But Scripture teaches, **"No lie is of the truth."** So if we twist the Scriptures, to get people saved, it is only going to corrupt the True Gospel, and produce bad fruit. (And that's the problem I see with this penal gospel.) Yet Christians use this method because it's quick and easy to share (it only takes about 5 minutes), **but I believe it is keeping people from learning about the TRUE GOODNESS OF GOD.** On the other hand, the **"You Can Know God!"** pamphlet, also only takes about 5 minutes to share, but I believe **it is a Much Purer Gospel Message.**

Therefore, the purpose of **"You Can Know God!"** Pamphlet is: *"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among those who are made holy through faith in [Jesus]."* (Acts 26:18)

So my question is: **"What part of the Penal Atonement Gospel is true?"**

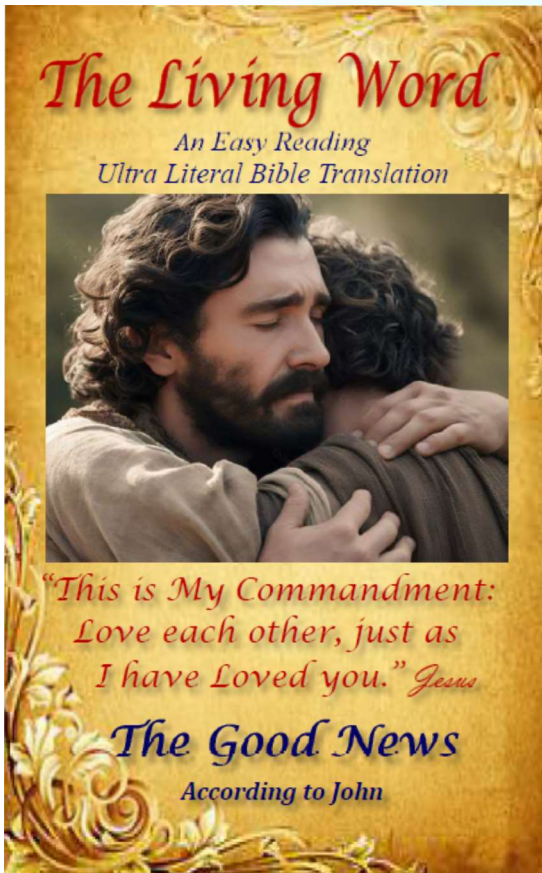
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You can know the One who created the stars!

When Jesus was praying for His disciples, He said, *"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."* (John 17:3) **...So Eternal Life is Knowing God Personally!**

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For the only thing that can truly fill that void inside us, is God's Spirit living inside us; for we were created to have the Holy Spirit live inside of us: ***"As God has said, 'I will reside inside of them... And I will be their God, and they will be my people.'"*** (2 Corinthians 6:16)

But the prophet Isaiah said, *"Your sins have hidden His face from you. So He will not listen."* (Isaiah 59:2) And that's why we feel empty inside. We are like a cell-phone with no connection; we cannot hear the voice of God, and God doesn't hear us.

"God is Love!" (See 1 John 4:7-21) So the Wrongs we commit against one another hurt Him (Ephesians 4:30-32), and cause God to hide His face from us.

But **since we weren't obeying God's 'GOLDEN RULE', the Law of Love,** and chose not to serve God; **we became the devil's slaves.** As it's written, ***"Don't you know? That to whomever you present yourselves as obedient slaves, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey."*** (Romans 6:1) So God had a problem.

Because **God Loves us,** He doesn't want to have to send us to Hell to be with the devil for all eternity; but God cannot let us into Heaven, unless we chose to obey Him; because if He did, **Heaven would become just as messed up as the Earth.**

So God became a man: the Lord Jesus Christ. So that we could Know God as He truly is! Jesus came to demonstrate God's Love for us; that we might choose to Love and obey Him; and Jesus also taught us to Love one another; for as Jesus said, ***"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: Love each other, just as I have Loved you. No one has Greater Love than this; that someone should lay down their own life for their friends."*** (John 15:12-13) And then Jesus did just that, Jesus laid down His life for us on the Cross, and then 3 days later He rose from the dead.

But since the devil crucified the innocent Son of God, he now must release from captivity even the worst sinner, if they call on the name of Jesus! Therefore, ***"To as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become God's Children, even to those who believe and trust in His name."*** (John 1:12)

So now the Father has Only One Commandment, ***"THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT: that we trust in the name of His Son Jesus Christ; and Love one another, just as He commanded us."*** (1 John 3:23)

So Heaven or Hell is our chose: It all depends on whom we chose to obey? But remember, Jesus said, ***"The thief (the devil) doesn't come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: but I came so that they might have life, and have it even more abundantly."*** (John 10:10) So who do you want to spend Eternity with? Jesus, or the devil?

Would like to **KNOW GOD** and **be with Him for All Eternity?**

Then simply tell Him so: ***"Dear LORD Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins, and to come and live inside me. I want to Know You, and be with You for all Eternity. Fill me with Your Love, Joy, and Peace. I want to become your disciple, just like your first disciples were. So I surrender my life to you today. You are my LORD! In your name I pray, LORD JESUS. Amen!"*** (So be it!)

"What should I do now?"

- ✚ Always remember Christianity isn't a religion of things you do to earn eternal life; it's a relationship with the God you NOW **KNOW AND LOVE!**
- ✚ Begin reading the Gospels: John, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Begin with John because it will explain many things to you. And as you read, ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you.
- ✚ Ask Jesus how to apply the things you are reading in your life today.
- ✚ Ask Jesus to show you a good church to go to: because you need to be in fellowship with those who are also seeking God, because they will inspire and encourage you, and you will inspire and encourage them. (See Hebrews 10:25)
- ✚ Begin telling other people about Jesus, because Jesus said, ***"You will receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you will be my witnesses..."*** (Acts 1:8)

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