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"Seeing then that we have a <u>Great High Priest</u> (Jesus),who <u>has passed (ascended) into the heavens</u>, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but <u>was in all points tempted</u> <u>like as we are</u>, yet <u>without sin</u>. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, so that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

"For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; <u>but into Heaven itself</u>, now to appear <u>in the presence of God for us</u>; nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place <u>every year</u> with blood of others (animals); for then He must often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once, upon the end of the world, He has appeared <u>to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself</u>. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment; <u>so Christ was offered once</u> to bear the sins of many; and unto those who look for Him, He shall appear the second time <u>without sin</u> unto salvation. " (Hebrews 9:24-28)

Without: from the Greek word <u>*Choris*</u> which means: separate from; properly: apart from, separated, by itself, <u>without</u>; (figuratively) detached.

Sin: from the Greek word <u>hamartias (amartias)</u> a noun which means: a sin, a failure; (from hamartano a verb which means to do wrong, to sin. properly: to miss-the-mark; thus: guilt, sin, a fault, a failure in an ethical sense, a sinful deed, a bad action, an evil deed. In the N. T. always in a negative ethical sense, whether it occurs by omission or commission (rebellion): whether in thought and feeling or in speech and action. In particular, sin is the transgression of the Law and Will of God.

Without Sin: In Context: Jesus suffered temptations, and yet never gave in to them, and thus He has remained eternally sinless. However, <u>we</u> have all given in to many sinful temptations. Since Jesus did suffer temptations He is able to relate to our inward struggles as we deal with temptations; and Jesus, through His Spirit who dwells in us, is able to aid and guide us away from from those temptations. But also, mercifully, because Jesus is sinless, He is able to provide help, and a sinless sacrifice for the sins of the people who do give in to temptation. Please consider the following:

"For indeed He (Jesus) did not give aid to angels; but He gives aid to the seed (descendants) of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like unto His brethren (like us human beings), so that He might be a <u>Merciful and Faithful High Priest</u> in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For <u>in that He Himself has **suffered being tempted**, He is able to aid those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:16-18)</u>

"For this purpose you were called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow in <u>His steps</u>: "<u>Who did no sin</u>, <u>nor was deceit found in His</u> <u>mouth</u>" (quote from Isaiah 53:9); who, when He was reviled, reviled not back-again. When He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him (the Father) who judges righteously; <u>who Himself bore **our sins** in His own body on the Tree (the Cross)</u>, so that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; <u>by whose stripes you were healed</u>." (I Peter 2:21-25)

It is to be understood that Jesus was the only human being who ever lived - who was without sin. <u>All other human beings</u> have sinned and have thus fallen short of the Glory of God – a situation that must be made right to inherit Eternal Life! Please consider the following:

"So when they continued asking Him, he lifted up Himself, and said unto them, <u>He that is</u> without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." (John 8:1-<u>7</u>-11 – Please read in context)

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We see that not one person could cast a stone, because everyone knew that they themselves, and everyone else, were not sinless. Other than Jesus, there is no one who is perfectly without sin; indeed there is no other person who is perfectly good and righteous. It is as it says:

"And a certain ruler asked Him (asked Jesus), saying, 'Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' And Jesus said unto him, 'Why do you call Me good? **No one is good**, except **One**, <u>that is</u>, **God**." (Luke 18:18-19)

"What then? are we better than they? No, not at all; for we have already proved that both Jews and Gentiles, that **they are all under sin**; as it is written, '*There is not one righteous, no, not one; there is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks after God. They have all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one (see Psalm 14:1-3).' ... Now we know that whatever things the Law says, it says to those who are under the Law; so that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall be no flesh justified in His (the Father's) sight; for through the Law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the Law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God through faith from Jesus Christ unto all and upon all those who believe; for there is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:9-12; ... 19-23)*

"Whoever commits sin also <u>transgresses the Law (of God)</u>; for <u>sin is the transgression of</u> <u>the Law</u>. And you know that <u>He (Jesus) was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is</u> <u>No Sin</u>. Whoever abides in Him does not sin; whoever sins has not seen Him, nor knows Him. Little children, let no man deceive you; he who does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that practice sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose <u>the Son of God</u> was manifested, that <u>He</u> might <u>destroy the works of the devil</u>. Whoever is born of God does not practice sin; for His seed remains in him; <u>and he cannot</u> <u>keep-sinning</u>, because he is born of God." (I John 3:4-9)

The necessity of the sinlessness of Christ Jesus, for the forgiveness of our sins was clearly foreshadowed by the Mosaic Law; please consider the following:

"Your lamb shall be **without blemish**, <u>a male</u> of the first year; you shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats." (Exodus 12:5)

"You shall not sacrifice unto the LORD your God any ox, or sheep, which has a blemish, or any defect: for that is an abomination unto the LORD your God." (Deuteronomy 17:1)

This foreshadowing was also predicted by the prophet Isaiah; please consider the following:

"He was wounded <u>for our transgressions (for our sins)</u>; He was bruised <u>for our iniquities</u>. The chastisement <u>for our peace</u> was upon Him; and with His stripes <u>we are healed</u>. All of us like sheep have <u>gone **astray**</u>; we have turned every one to <u>his own way (instead of God's Way)</u>; and the LORD has laid **on Him (on Jesus)** <u>the iniquity of us all</u>. He (Jesus) was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment; and of His Generation who considered that He was cut off from the Land of the living? For the transgression (sins) of My people He was stricken. And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because <u>He had done **no**</u> <u>violence</u>, nor was <u>any deceit in His mouth</u>. Yet <u>it pleased the LORD to bruise Him</u>; putting Him to grief when You shall make His soul a guilt offering (for sin)." (Isaiah 53:710)

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And so it was fulfilled in Christ Jesus:

"You know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your forefathers; but with **the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb **without blemish** and **without spot** (i.e. without sin). Who indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but appeared in these last times <u>for you</u>, who through Him do believe in God who raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God." (I Peter 1:18-21)

"Therefore, <u>if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature (or new creation)</u>; old things have passed away; behold, <u>all things have become new</u>. And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; namely, that **God was in Christ**, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing <u>their trespasses (sins)</u> unto them; and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then <u>we are ambassadors for Christ</u>, as though God did beseech you through us: we implore you in Christ's behalf, that <u>you</u> be reconciled to God. <u>For He (the Father)</u> <u>has made Him (Jesus)</u> **who knew no sin**, **to be sin** <u>for us</u>; so that we might be made the righteousness of God <u>in Him (in Jesus)</u>." (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

"For such an high priest became us, who is <u>Holy</u>, <u>Inocent</u>, <u>Unde filed</u> (sinless), <u>Separate from</u> <u>sinners</u>, and <u>made higher than the heavens</u>" (Hebrews 7:26)

Jesus Himself said:

"My doctrine is not Mine, but His (the Father's) who sent Me. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it is of God, or whether I speak of Myself. He who speaks of himself seeks his own glory; but he who seeks His (the Father's) glory who sent <u>Him</u> (Jesus speaking of Himself), the <u>Same</u> is true, <u>and no unrighteousness (sin) is in Him</u>." (John 7:16-18)

Finally, please consider the following:

"But <u>God commended His love toward us</u>, in that, <u>while we were yet sinners</u>, <u>Christ died</u> <u>for us</u>. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved <u>from wrath</u> through Him. For if, **when** we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, <u>we shall be saved by His Life</u>. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received <u>the</u> <u>atonement</u>. Therefore, as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, **and death** through sin; so death passed upon all men, because **all have sinned**. (Romans 5:8-12)

"But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** If we say that we have **no sin**, we deceive ourselves, **and the Truth is not in us**. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we (falsely) make Him (God) a liar, and His word is not in us." (I John 1:7-10)

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He was crucified on the Cross so as to put away <u>our</u> sin by the sacrifice of Himself !! The blood of the sinless Son of God cleanses <u>sinners</u> from all sin and unrighteousness !! He became sin for the sake and joy of <u>our</u> salvation!

> What a Friend <u>we</u> have in You Lord Jesus !! All of <u>our sins</u> and transgressions You bore upon Yourself !!

Lord Jesus You are Holy, Harmless, Undefiled, and Separated from sinners !! All Praise, Glory, Honor is Yours – Father Son & Holy Spirit – Always and Always !!