

The Bible: A Story of God and Us

“Where is the Lamb?”

God’s plan for you to be delivered from death to life.

1. How did you get dead? (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:18-19; Eph. 2:1-3)

- You became corruptible .

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— ” (Rom. 5: 1 2).

- You preferred the gifts, blessings, benefits, creation over the Creator.

“But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die” (Gen. 2:17).

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it (Gen. 3:6).

- Preferring the wages of sin, mankind was sentenced to death .

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins” (Eph. 2:1).

“For the wages of sin is death ” (Rom. 6:23a).

1. What is God willing to do for you?

- God is willing to provide a substitute

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son (Gen. 22:13).

- God provided a lamb in Isaac’s place

“Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs ” (Ex. 12:7).

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt” (Ex. 12:12-13).

1. How can you be sure you have life?

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (Jn. 1:29).

You can remain dead in your trespasses and sins or you can die to your old life by being made alive through your substitute Lamb sacrifice, Christ Jesus.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (Jn. 3:16).

If by faith you hide your life in his—God the Father has seen you perfectly holy in Christ (Col. 3:3 ,4).

1. Why did God test Abraham’s faith?

The critical reality for all who really embrace Christ’s offer of life is to settle whether we really want God or the things he promises.

Those who want God above all else get eternity too; those who attach themselves to God in order to get the goodies of eternity , may end up with neither.

“Now I know that you fear God because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son” (Gen. 22:12).

The promise of everything that mattered was put at risk for the sake of having God.

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Matt. 16:24).

“I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith” (Phil. 3:8-9).

1. Where are you today?

Because of our heritage of corruption, all of us are placed on a sacrificial altar waiting to die for our sins.

God has provided a Lamb substitute.

Unless you fall out of love with yourself, you will never find life in Christ.

Those who go from altar to rescue, death to life, are those who want God, the Lord Jesus above all else.

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live” (John 5:24-25).