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All the media is currently talking about is financial debt.

I want to look at spiritual debt. This is a debt we owe to God because of our sin.

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”, (Rom 3:23) - there are no exceptions. We have all fallen short of God's standards. God cannot look on sin because He is holy.

“We are all as unclean thing, all righteousness as filthy rags”, (Isa 64:6); “All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way”(Isa 53:6). It is more than just not being good enough, we have made a conscious decision to turn away.

“If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves”(1 John 1:8).

Just one sin is short of God's holy and perfect standard (James 2:10). A time will come when we will be called to account to God for the debt we owe Him (Rom 14:12).

“As I live, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess” (Rom 14:11)

“Everyone of us shall give account to God”(Rom 14:11). God has a record of all we have said, done and thought.

“It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment”(Heb 9:27). Some people like to think that once you die nothing happens, the Bible clearly states otherwise.

“Saw small and great... judged according to works”(Rev 20:12)

“Sea gave up dead.. judged according to works”(Rev 20:13). It does not matter where we are, no one can escape that day of judgment.

We are unable to pay the debt and get rid of it. How is it possible for us to have the debt we owe to God cleared?

“Without Christ...no hope and without God”(Eph 2:12). If we are still in our sins we are without hope.

How can we get rid of the debt?

“When we were without strength, Christ died for us”(Rom 5:6)

We are strangers from God, (Col 1:21). God cannot just overlook the debt.

How can it be cancelled?

John 19v17-24,v28-37

He was not crucified in the same way as others. The Lord Jesus Christ gave His life willingly.

“Bore our sins in His own body on the tree” (1 Pet 2:24)

There were three hours of darkness when God poured out His anger and wrath for sin on His Son. He took the punishment of our sin. He could cry “My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?” (Matt 27:46).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”(John 3:16).

God has punished His Son for your sin.

“God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved”(John 3:17)

God's master plan for us is that we can be cleansed from our debt by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

“He that believeth on the Son is not condemned but he that believeth not is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God”(John 3:18)

“I am the way the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me”(John 14:6) There is only one way to have our debt of sin cancelled and it is to trust the Lord Jesus Christ.

We don't have to face the judgment. We have a choice tonight either to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour(God will not payment twice demand) or reject this offer.

If you accept, believe and trust you can look forward to a place in heaven.

The Lord Jesus has taken your place it is up to you to trust and believe.