

## God is Satisfied!

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There are millions of people today who struggle with one issue and question. They often ask, "Will God ever be satisfied with my life?" Many people wonder if God will accept them in the end and take them to Heaven. They live in constant fear about the future and are not sure if their life is really good enough to satisfy God and one which God will accept. This is because most people know they have sinned and failed God many times. This is why the Bible says "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We have all missed the mark of God's holy and righteous perfection. So let me ask you a question. Is God satisfied with you? Will God accept you and take you to Heaven? Are you struggling over this issue? If so, I have some good news for you.

1 John 2:2 gives us a wonderful promise. It says, "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." The word "propitiation" is a big word but it basically means to be appeased or satisfied. The Bible teaches that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross was a satisfying sacrifice to God the Father. Many people today have forgotten that Christ's death is

the only sacrifice for sins that God will accept as sufficient payment for their sins (John 14:6). When the Bible says that Christ was the *satisfying sacrifice* “for our sins” it means that Jesus Christ paid a penalty of judgment for our sins. Romans 6:23 says “the wages of sin is death” (judgment in hell), but Jesus paid the necessary wage, fine, or penalty for our sins when dying on the cross. He took our judgment and paid the penalty that God required for sin. In short, Christ was judged in our place, “the just for the unjust (1 Pet. 3:18), so we could escape the penalty and judgment for our own sins. What a story this is! One lady shared with me, “This is the most awesome thing I ever heard.”

The Father accepted the sacrifice of His Son. This is because Christ’s sacrifice was a pure sacrifice. The Bible says “he offered himself without spot to God” (Heb. 9:14). Jesus had no sin and was the only pure sacrifice that God the Father would accept. Yes, the Bible says God was fully satisfied with the death of His only Son Jesus Christ (John 3:16). **The issue is not whether your religion satisfies you, but whether it satisfies God!** This is the most important matter to consider today.

The Bible actually says that it pleased the Father when Jesus Christ died upon the cross or when He made “his soul and offering for sin” (Isa. 53:10). This is because the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was the only sacrifice that God could accept to pay the penalty for your sins and remove this penalty from your life forever. Only Christ’s sacrifice can pay the sinner’s debt, satisfy the demands of God’s divine justice, and set the sinner free! Jesus paid the necessary “ransom” price (1 Tim. 2:6) that would satisfy God and set us free from hell’s judgment. What a story! Jesus died in our place, bearing the penalty for our own sins, so a holy and righteous God could be satisfied. As a result, we can go free, escape God’s judgment for sin, and have God accept us in His holy presence forever.

One of the old hymns says: “Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.” This simply means that only Jesus can remove the sin barrier between you and God, and give you freedom from the penalty of sin, which you deserved. If you want to receive forgiveness for your sins forever, if you want God to accept you forever, if you want to go to Heaven when you die, then you must express personal faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to give you this acceptance before God.

Acts 16:31 says: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” When a sinner truly believes in Jesus Christ, he will step out in faith, and commit his faith only to Jesus Christ for salvation. The moment a person expresses faith in Christ, the payment of Christ’s death is applied to his sinful record, and he becomes acquitted in the presence of God forever. It doesn’t get any better than this!

Romans 8:34 then declares: “Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.” When a sinner expresses faith in the Savior he is forgiven and declared righteous in God’s presence forever. Never again will he be condemned! Who can condemn us, if Christ, the perfect sacrifice, has already been condemned in our place? Yes, God is satisfied with the death of His only Son! If you will place your faith in Jesus Christ, or His death and resurrection to save you, then God will be satisfied with you. God will see you through His Son and accept you forever. What a story!

“Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word.

Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.”