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- **GOD'S DEMAND FOR JUSTICE**
 - He is just\fair only if all sin is punished
- **THERE ARE 2 ALTERNATIVES**
 1. Each person can pay his own penalty
 2. Someone else must pay for everyone

JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR ALL

- **Isa 53:4-6 - Our sins fell on him**
- **2 Cor 5:21 - Sinless - to be sin for us**
- **Heb 2:14-18 - A replacement for our sins**
- **Heb 7:26-27 - Offered self, once for all**
- **1 Pet 2:21-25 - By His wounds, you were healed**

(Isa 53:4-6 KJV) "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. {5} But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. {6} All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

(2 Cor 5:21 KJV) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

(Heb 2:14-18 KJV) "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; {15} And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. {16} For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. {17} Wherefore in all things it

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behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. {18} For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

(Heb 7:26-27 KJV) "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; {27} Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."

(1 Pet 2:21-25 KJV) "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: {22} Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: {23} Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: {24} Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead

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**to sins, should live unto righteousness:
by whose stripes ye were healed. {25} For
ye were as sheep going astray; but are
now returned unto the Shepherd and
Bishop of your souls."**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- It means that Jesus died when I was the guilty one.
- It means that MY SINS put Jesus on the cross
- It means that I KILLED HIM!
- That realization should make me want to change my life.

PROOF OF GOD'S LOVE

- **John 3:16 - God gave His son**
- **Rom 5:6-8 - Christ died for the ungodly, for sinners, for us**
- **1 Jn 4:9-10 - God sent his only son to be a propitiation for our sins**

(Jn 3:16 KJV) "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."

(Rom 5:6-8 KJV) "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. {7} For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. {8} But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

(1 Jn 4:9-10 KJV) "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. {10} Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

HOW SHOULD I REACT?

- **See yourself as a sinner**
- **Luke 7:36-50 - Parable of 2 debtors**
- **Never again doubt God's love for you**
 - **Rom 8:35-39**
- **We should love God more than before**
- **We should obey Him**
 - **Jn 14:15 - Love me, keep my laws**
- **Obedience does not merit salvation**

(Lu 7:36-50 KJV) "And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. {37} And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, {38} And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head,

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and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. {39} Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. {40} And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. {41} There was a certain creditor which had

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two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. {42} And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? {43} Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. {44} And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest

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me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. {45}

Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. {46} My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. {47}

Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little

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**is forgiven, the same loveth little. {48}
And he said unto her, Thy sins are
forgiven. {49} And they that sat at meat
with him began to say within themselves,
Who is this that forgiveth sins also? {50}
And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath
saved thee; go in peace."**

(Rom 8:35-39 KJV) "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? {36} As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. {37} Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. {38} For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,

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**nor things present, nor things to come,
{39} Nor height, nor depth, nor any other
creature, shall be able to separate us
from the love of God, which is in Christ
Jesus our Lord."**

**(Jn 14:15 KJV) "If ye love me, keep my
commandments."**