

The Savior's Mission

[John 14:6](#)

[John 14:6 \(NASB\)](#)

⁶“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Many believers know Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but we should also understand His mission, how He fulfilled it, and what that means to each of us. Christ had a twofold goal in coming to earth: to provide us with a tangible image of who God is, and to die in our place to pay our penalty for sin.

What an incredible plan! The omnipotent, omniscient Lord had existed since eternity past ([John 1:1](#); [John 8:58](#)).

[John 1:1 \(NASB\)](#)

¹“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

[John 8:58 \(NASB\)](#)

⁵⁸“Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

Yet for a time, He set aside power and strength that were rightfully His, so that He could become like us. Because God-in-human-flesh lived His life before men, we can better understand our heavenly Father ([Colossians 1:15](#)).

[Colossians 1:15 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁵“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

Through Christ's sacrifice, we are invited into an eternal relationship with God. You see, Scripture teaches that every descendant of Adam is guilty of sin ([Isaiah 53:6](#); [Romans 3:23](#)), and the punishment is death ([Romans 6:23](#)).

[Isaiah 53:6 \(NASB\)](#)

⁶“All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.”

[Romans 3:23 \(NASB\)](#)

²³“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

[Romans 6:23 \(NASB\)](#)

²³“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

The penalty must be paid by the shedding of blood ([Leviticus 17:11](#)).

[Leviticus 17:11 \(NASB\)](#)

¹¹“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.”

Yet the Father can accept nothing less than a perfect sacrifice ([Deuteronomy 17:1](#)).

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Deuteronomy 17:1 (NASB)

¹“You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep which has a blemish or any defect, for that is a detestable thing to the LORD your God.”

The Savior—who was fully God, fully man, and 100 percent innocent—died a humiliating, excruciating death to pay the debt we couldn't afford. He is the only one who could lay down His life to save us and bridge the gap between each person and the Father.

There is no possible way for us to earn our salvation. It is an awesome gift that the Father freely offers to each one of us. The only requirement is that we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and follow Him. Have you chosen to accept this amazing blessing from the Father's hand?