



How Did God Provide for Man's Salvation from Sin?

In our last study, we learned that man was hopelessly condemned to die. He had disobeyed God's word, and now the penalty was being enforced. In the New Testament, the Bible tells us more about Adam's sin. Let's start today by looking at **Romans 5**.

The penalty for sin

Besides Adam and his wife, who else was affected by Adam's sin? (Romans 5:12)

Are all men under the same penalty for sin that Adam was?

Why or why not?

What part of the verse tells us how we are included in Adam's sin? (Romans 5:12)

A gift from God

The Romans passage goes on to teach us that after Adam, all men had to die. But in **Romans 5:15**, we see the word “gift.” At this point we begin to learn how God kept His earlier promise and provided man a way of salvation from sin’s penalty. That way of salvation would come through a gift from God. Let’s find out what the gift is.

Read Romans 5:15-19 carefully. Adam’s sin is called “transgression.” God’s way of salvation is called “gift.” The verse says, **“the free gift is not like the transgression.”** Those two things are going to be compared in these verses.

Under the headings below write what the Bible says about each one in these verses.

	Transgression (Adam)	Gift (Jesus Christ)
v.15		
v.16		
v.17		
v.19		

In verses 15 and 17, we actually learn that the gift is a Person.

What is His name?

Let's turn to what is probably the most familiar verse in your Bible – **John 3:16**. This verse will help us to answer several questions.

Why did God decide to give the gift of Jesus Christ?

Why did God send Jesus Christ to the world?

(John 3:16-17)

Men, who deserved death, could now have life. Men who deserved punishment could now be free of the penalty.

How is Jesus Christ able to save men from sin's penalty? **(Hebrews 5:8-9)**

When did Jesus Christ take man's penalty for sin?

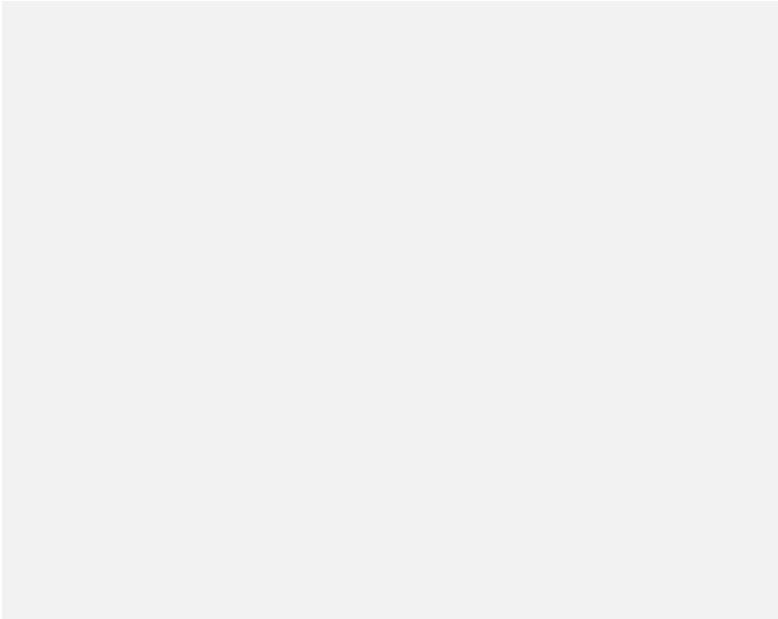
(1 Peter 2:24)

Let's finish our study today by reading through the Bible story of Jesus' death on the cross. (Matthew 27:11ff)

Memory Verse

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16



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