



DAILY DEVOTION

InTouch Ministries

From Condemnation to Reconciliation

On the cross, Jesus paid for our wrongs so we can have a relationship with God.

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Romans 5:6-12

Separation, rejection, and alienation are unpleasant experiences. We usually try to avoid these at all costs, but in a fallen world, we can't totally escape them. Isolation from other people is bad enough, but alienation from the Lord is much worse—it's tragic.

Yet as vital as our relationship with God is to our well-being, something stands in its way. In our thoughts, attitudes, and behavior, we've all violated His commands and holy standard (Romans 3:23). This is known as sin, and its penalty—death—means eternal separation from the Lord (Romans 6:23).

What a bleak outlook for mankind! But the Father solved this dilemma by sending His Son to pay our penalty. Fully God and fully man, Jesus lived the perfect life, took all our iniquity upon Himself, and died a gruesome death on the cross. No longer are we condemned for our wrongs, because Christ paid our penalty for sin and gave us His righteousness.

Salvation, which is available to anyone who believes in Jesus and receives God's remarkable gift of grace, results in reconciliation to the Father. In this way, faith in Christ puts an end to our alienation and condemnation—and opens the door to eternal life with God.