

## God's Solution

God loves us and wants to forgive us. But being just, He must be true to Himself and punish sin as He said He would.

This dilemma (God wanting to forgive sinners) has been solved in the person of Jesus Christ.

Having no sin Himself -

*He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.* 1 Peter 2:22 ESV

*You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.*  
1 John 3:5 ESV

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.* 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve.

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.* 1 Peter 2:24 ESV

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.* Isaiah 53:5-6 ESV

Consider this analogy: if you got a speeding ticket but someone else paid the fine, the demands of justice would be satisfied and you would be off the hook with no further penalty to pay.

This is the Good News: Jesus Christ came to Earth to pay the penalty for our sin and to gain for us a place in heaven which He offers as a gift.

That Jesus would do this for us should provide a powerful reason for committing to follow Him as His disciple.

So, how do you receive the gift?

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