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He took that which we deserve, death. We receive what he deserved— a relationship with God the Father. We get to be found in him.

REACT

The book of Romans provides an incredible perspective about being made in the image of God. We were created to reflect his image perfectly, but have failed.

“... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
—Romans 3:23

The shame, guilt, and anxiety you feel are all a product of the missing perfection caused by sin. But rather than struggling up a ladder to reach God, the truth is that he meets you right where you are today.

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”
—Romans 5:28

Right where you are! Are you beginning to feel the flickers of life and hope in your heart?

REFLECT

The payment required for your sin is death. Jesus not only paid it, he demonstrated his power over death by rising from the dead.





THINK ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. DO YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS CAUSE PEOPLE TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOD?

Do you have dreams that you believe are dead? Do you believe your mistakes have destroyed your value or will prevent God from using you to fulfill his purpose?

Let these words of truth give you freedom:

"No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." —Romans 8:39

Are there areas of your life, your leadership, or your calling where you have believed the lie that you must climb the ladder to God?

RESPOND

Do you hear the voice of God calling you in these verses? Are you ready to acknowledge that you have made your worth more about your efforts than about God's love and purpose for you?

Today, God is ready to exchange your brokenness for the abundant life he has planned for you since the beginning. He will meet you right where you are if you accept his forgiveness. You can experience the peace and joy of a restored relationship with him.

REVIEW

- You are justified and saved by faith and not by anything you do.
- There is nothing in heaven or on earth that can separate you from God's love.
- Accepting God's forgiveness leads to an abundant life filled with his peace and joy.



MEMORIZE

"THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD HAS DONE FOR US."

—ROMANS 5:1

ACTION STEPS

- Make an honest assessment of areas where you are relying on your own efforts rather than resting in God's grace.
- Confess your sins and ask God to forgive you and make you right with him.
- Commit to engaging this cycle of repentance and restoration as often as necessary as you live out your true identity as holy and pleasing to God.