
GUILTY. . . yet
Free!

This is a true story. In the early 1900's two Chinese brothers migrated to America. After getting off the ship in San Francisco the older brother got a job, but the younger brother turned to a life of crime.





One day the younger brother got into a terrible fight. In the struggle he killed another man, and his clothing and hands were covered with the dead man's blood.

The terrified youth ran home, ripped off his bloody clothing, and ran away to hide because he knew that the police would be looking for him.



Later when his older brother got home and saw the bloody clothes, he knew that his brother was in trouble, and he did a very strange thing . . .





. . . he put his brother's blood-stained clothes on! Soon the police came, and he was arrested for a crime he didn't commit.

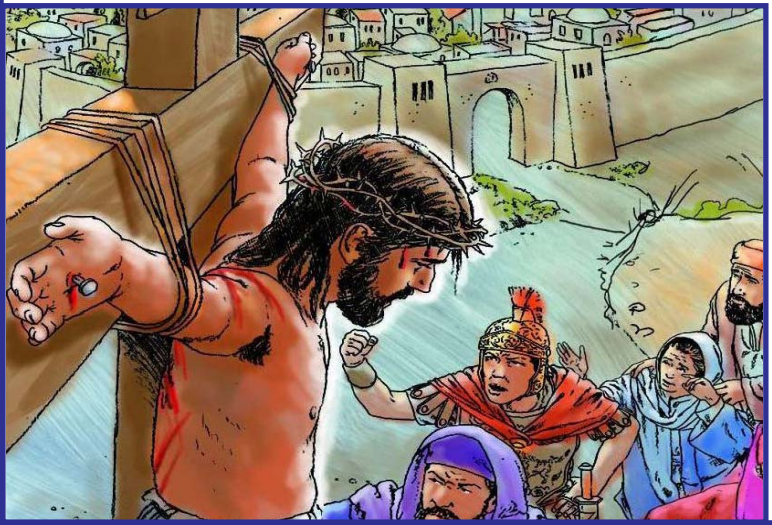


He refused to accuse his brother or defend himself, and was pronounced guilty of the crime his brother had committed.



He loved his guilty brother so much that he was willing to be his brother's substitute and die in his place. He gave his life as a sacrifice so that his brother could live.

Did you know that God loves you so much that He sent his Son Jesus to die as a substitute in your place in order to pay the penalty for your sins?



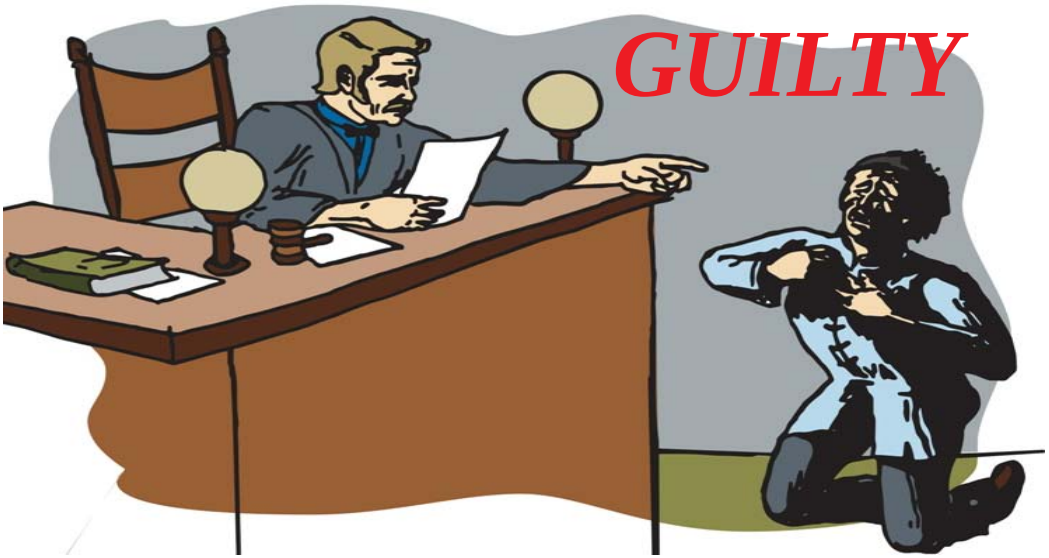
"But God showed His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

There is more to this amazing story . . .



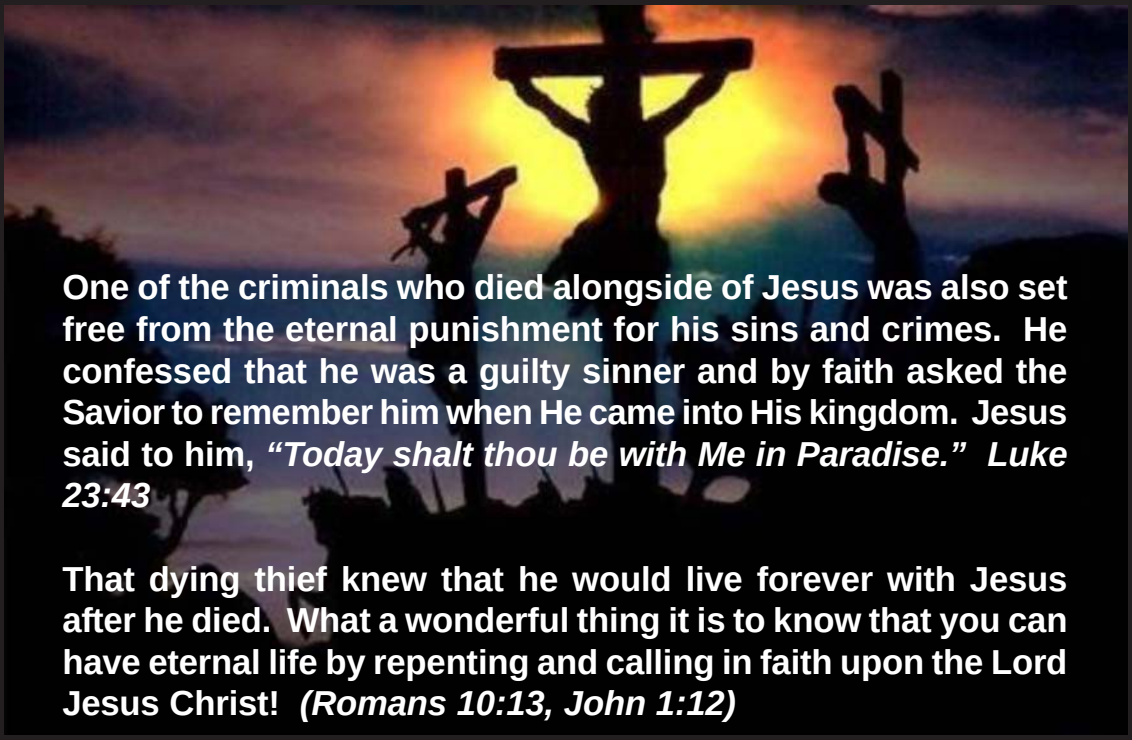
. . . the younger brother was overwhelmed with sorrow and guilt. How could his innocent brother love him so much that he would take his blame and die in his place? The guilty lad turned himself in to the police, and, as he confessed to the crime, he knew that he deserved to be punished and that the punishment for his crime would be death.



When he was taken before the judge, he admitted that he had committed the murder and that he was deserving of punishment.

But the judge told him that his brother had willingly died in his place. The price for the crime was paid . . . justice had been satisfied . . . and the guilty boy was FREE to go!

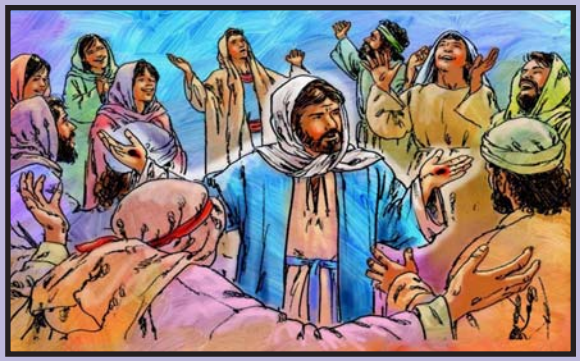




One of the criminals who died alongside of Jesus was also set free from the eternal punishment for his sins and crimes. He confessed that he was a guilty sinner and by faith asked the Savior to remember him when He came into His kingdom. Jesus said to him, *"Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43*

That dying thief knew that he would live forever with Jesus after he died. What a wonderful thing it is to know that you can have eternal life by repenting and calling in faith upon the Lord Jesus Christ! *(Romans 10:13, John 1:12)*

On the cross Jesus bore the wrath of God in our place. He was placed in a tomb for three days and three nights and then He arose! His resurrection from the dead was proof that His sacrifice for our sins was sufficient and acceptable by God the Father.



In our world so filled with death and darkness, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ gives great hope to those who repent of their sins and unbelief and receive Him as Savior and Lord. Jesus is alive and promises the gift of eternal life to all who will trust Him and call upon Him in faith.

Only Jesus can forgive our sins and offer us eternal life, as He said, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." John 14:6*

If you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for you and you would like Him to save you from yours sins, we suggest that you pray the following prayer or a similar prayer in your own words: *"Lord Jesus, I know that I have sinned and that I do not deserve to live with You in Heaven. But I believe You died on the cross in full payment for all my sins. By faith I turn from my unbelief and sins and ask You to save me. I invite You into my life as my Savior. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for loving me, and dying for me on the cross. Thank You for giving me the gift of God which is eternal life. In Your Blessed Name, Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen."*

Today, by faith, I prayed to receive Christ as my Savior:
Signature: _____ Date: _____

God says you can KNOW that your sins are forgiven and that you have eternal life: ***". . . if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10***



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