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The Scapegoat

And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities... Leviticus 16: 22

The Holy Bible says that man's sin separates him from a perfect and Holy God.

Isaiah 59:2: But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have Hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear. **Ecclesiastes 7:20:** For there is not a just man upon earth, that does good, and sins not. **Ezekiel 18:4:** The soul who sins will die. **Hebrews 9:27:** and it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

God requires blood sacrifice for the atonement of sin. The sinner avoids penalty when an innocent substitute dies in his place

Leviticus 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." *In the past, God atoned for man's sin by implementing the Levitical system of animal blood sacrifices pointing forward to the perfect and final sacrifice for sin made by Messiah Himself* (Leviticus 1-7, Isaiah 53).

In Isaiah we view the sacrificial death of Messiah Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 53:7-12: ⁷ ...he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, ¹⁰ when He shall make his soul an offering for sin... ¹² ... because he had poured out his soul unto death: ...and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. **1 John 1:7:** ...and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Thus we see, it was God's plan all along for Jesus Christ to suffer and die as the perfect and final blood sacrifice for the remission of sin. He was buried and resurrected to the glory of God providing salvation for all who receive His atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of their sins (1 Corinthians 15:3,4). **Romans 5:9** ...being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **Romans 6:23:** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Salvation by Faith

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (**John 3:16**). He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him (**John 3:36**).

Believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and the moment you do God counts your faith as righteousness and gives you the gift of eternal life in Heaven with God. Blessings