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We believe in salvation through faith in Christ, who, according to the Scriptures, died for our sins, was buried and was raised from the dead on the third day, and that through His Blood we have Redemption.

On an evening in Jerusalem, at the beginning of His ministry period, Jesus entertained a night time visit from one of the teachers of Israel. Nicodemus had come to find out, not on behalf of anyone, just for Himself, if Jesus was sent from God. The only witness to the conversation was John and he gave us the important highlights and penned them down in what we call John chapter 3

The conversation that John recorded spoke about how a man might see the kingdom of heaven, how it is possible for man to be with God, in heaven. To this Jesus explained that a man must be born again, a statement that Nicodemus did not understand. Today many people also don't understand the term but the reference is to a Spiritual birth, a change inside. Ephesians 2:1-10 tell us that this change is to actually go from being dead, which we were in our trespasses and sins to being alive because those trespasses and sins no longer have a hold or control over our lives. The term to be born again is explained by Paul in 1 corinthians 15, as a seed which dies and then a plant forms and is resurrected, in a completely different form, one which bears fruit.

Nicodemus did not understand how it was possible that such a new birth could happen and so Jesus explained. one must be raised up in the place of others. this was not a new idea to Nicodemus as a teacher of the law. The Old testament is full of such instances which show one paying the price for others. In Numbers 26, during the sin of Israel in its lusts, a plague began to sweep down and consume people, but one man was pierced by Phineas the high priest's son, he was raised up, and the plague stopped.

In one of the most iconic verses in scripture, John 3:16, Jesus revealed that He was to be the one who would take our place. Romans calls this our propitiation, and the word mean, atoning victim. Jesus was never found guilty of anything, nor was He sentenced. The cross that Jesus carried belonged to Barabbas. He wasn't just a victim, He was an atoning victim, which means He had the ability to pay the price, and make peace between ourselves and the Lord. And so the judgment of God, which has to be fair, is not set aside, it is paid for. this death was for the whole world, But John 3:15, tells us that only those who believe in him will not perish. Paul in romans 4 tells us that it was Abrahams faith that god would save Him that did. Hebrews 11 tells us that faith was that the Lord would save him to a kingdom He had not seen, Abraham didn't know how the Lord would do it, but He believed and it was counted to him for righteousness.

only the righteous will see the kingdom of heaven. We can only be made righteous by Christ taking our place, we can only receive that righteousness, and that salvation if through Faith we believe, as Romans 10:9 tells us.