

# THREE GREAT TRUTHS

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Let's examine three different **universal truths**:

**Sin separates man from God.** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Since the days of Adam and Eve, sin has been the enemy of men's souls. It separates us from God and brings spiritual death (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23). All sorrow, pain, misery, injustice, sickness, and even death, is attributable to sin. Sin is a problem for all men.

**Christ died to pay the ransom for sin.** "Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." ( Timothy 2:6) Christ tasted death for every man (Hebrews 2:9). He came to seek and save the lost {Luke 19:10}. Man was in spiritual darkness, without a remedy for his sin, and unable to help himself. Christ's death brought salvation and hope for all. He died for all men—those who lived in the past, who live in the present, or who will live in the future. Through obedience to Christ, every man can gain the opportunity to be free from sin's bondage and hope for eternal life.

**Bible faith can save men.** "Therefore, let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and in Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified in the law of Moses." {Acts 13:38,39} To please God, one certainly must have faith {Hebrews 11:6}. Yet, many in the world believe faith alone is enough, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Sadly, many misunderstand the type of faith (obedient Bible faith) that saves man. Please consider Hebrews 11, which teaches us that "by faith," men acted in obedience to God's instructions. These are examples of saving faith. Yes, Bible faith can save anyone who surrenders his will to the Master and remains faithful in His service. "**Faith only**" is human theology. "But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." (James 2:18) Only those who are obedient to God's commands have the type of faith that saves. One's actions confirm the truths of his words. Faith is useless unless it's put into practice. Thank God for these great truths! \*\*\*