The Sacrifice of Christ

About 2000 years ago, a man named Jesus Christ died, nailed by the hands and the feet to a wooden cross. He had done nothing wrong—He had been unjustly accused and wrongfully executed. Three days and three nights later He rose from His grave, becoming the most influential man in history. Despite the multitude of opinions about Him and His death, the Scriptures set forth the following affirmations:

According to the Bible, the death and resurrection of Christ was the sacrifice for sin and the Scriptures declare:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.
(1 Timothy 1.15; Romans 4.25)

We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God... For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
(Heb 10.10-14)

However, the Word of God affirms that the only ones that profit from the sacrifice of Christ are the believers—those that believe on Him:

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
(John 3.36)

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.
(Acts 10.43)

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
(Romans 4.5)

Jesus said: I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 11.25; 5.24; 6.40)

Therefore, to be saved you must dispose of all other beliefs. You must quit trusting in religious sacrifices, confessions, good works, purgatory...and you must put your faith in Christ Jesus, trusting only in the power of His sacrifice to take away your sins. To continue seeking the favor of God through good works or sincerity is to doubt the power and value of Christ's sacrifice.

We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified... Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
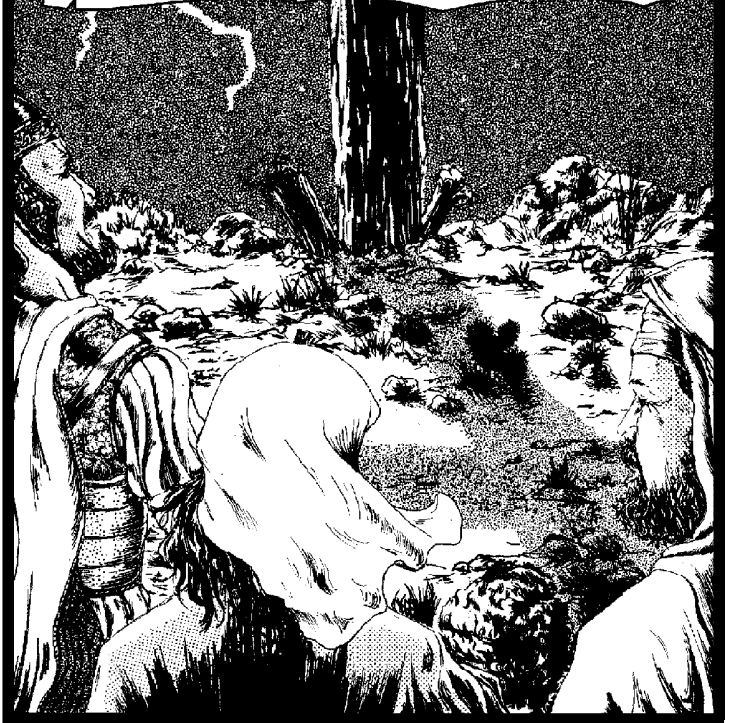(Hebrews 10.10,14; 7.25)

If you want to be saved, decide now to trust and believe only in the sacrifice of Christ and ask Him to forgive your sins and save you.

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Curiously, the majority of those that profess faith in Jesus demonstrate obviously their LACK of faith. There are some that hope to obtain forgiveness of sin because of their sincerity and faithfulness. They say that God is not capable of condemning them so long as they have been sincere and faithful to the teachings they received from childhood. There are others that go to the priest to confess their sins, and attend mass in order to make themselves more acceptable to God. Others believe that purgatory will purge away any sins that were not forgiven while they were alive. And there is always someone who says:

"No one can be sure that he is saved. It is pride to affirm that one has complete forgiveness of sins."

It is evident that none of these have believed in Jesus Christ nor His sacrifice. The Bible states:

For we which have believed do enter into rest... For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.
(Hebrews 4.3,10)

Faith in Jesus Christ is a complete trust in His sacrifice. It is a rest or assurance in what Christ has already accomplished. To believe on Him is to trust and rest in the forgiveness of sins that was accomplished by way of His sacrifice. Anyone that believes on Christ is accepted by God without good works because he receives forgiveness of sins through the sacrifice of Christ. Those that trust in their sincerity are not trusting in Jesus. Those that trust in purgatory do not believe that the purging of their sins has already been accomplished by the sacrifice of Christ. To believe that one is already saved is not pride—It is faith! To doubt salvation is not humility—It is lack of faith! It is to deny the sacrifice of Christ.