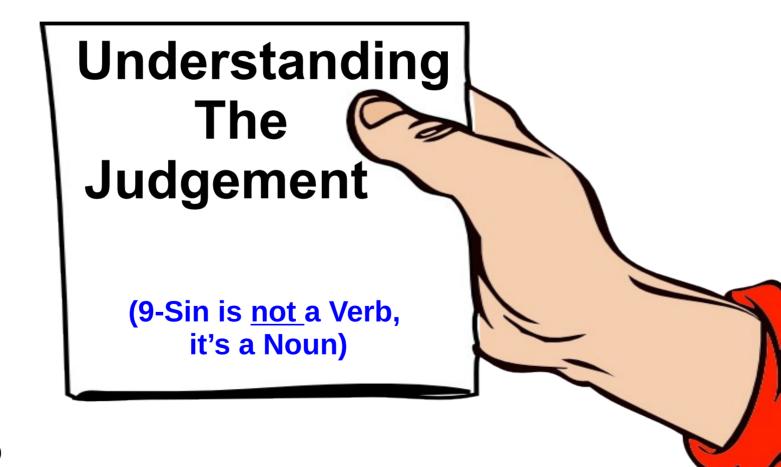
# INVESTIGATION



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The pressure to fear God's judgement is **SIN**.

But if we've misunderstood sin, then maybe we're fearful for no reason.

Sin is considered to be <u>doing things</u> which are contrary to God's laws.

In that regard, his laws are usually considered to be the Ten Command-ments.

BUT...if sin is a noun and not a verb, then "doing" as the basis of sinning is misdirected.

## Let's check this out



### Mike's important point #1:

"Penal Substitution Atonement says the Father was so disgusted with us, because of our sin (again, all about behaviour), where the word 'sin' is not a behaviour. It's not a verb, it's a noun. It's effectively a reality that we live in — **lost identity**."

### Mike's important point #2:

"So, by dying for our sin — which is really just mistaken identity or confusion of who and whose we really are - the veil that blinded us since the garden, was torn away. And like Paul, when the scales are removed from our eyes, we can now see who we have always been...

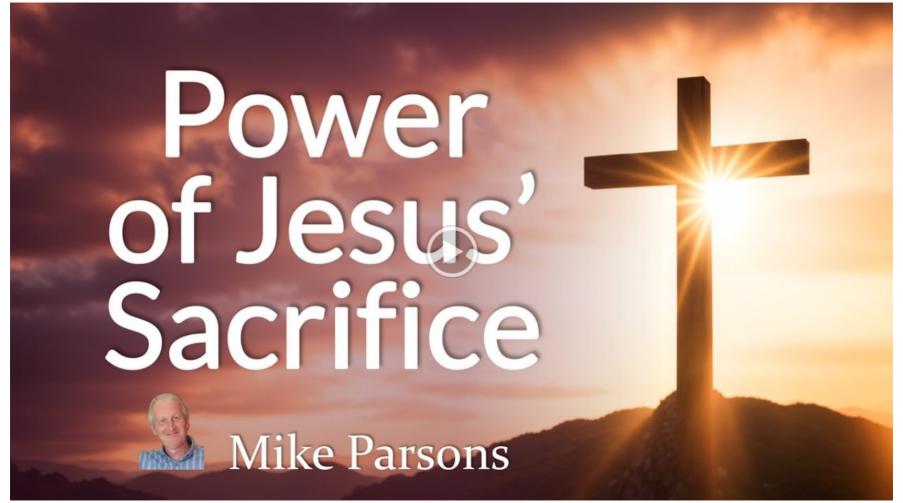
"...and who papa, our dad, our father, has always been...and is now in us. And this is the revelation [that we need to grasp.]"

(Permission to quote Mike Parsons received on 20-7-2020)

So if Jesus death was <u>not</u> about our sinning, what was it all about?

(verb)

# Here's some more input to 'chew over':



### Mike's important point:

"So, Jesus took our place in dying our death, and that was the issue - it was death [that was] the issue. There was no punishment or any other things. [They're] all the trappings we've put around it. From God's perspective, there was just man choosing to walk independently of [him] and leaving the immortal state...

...[T]herefore, death was the consequence of losing our identity as sons. Sons are immortal. Death is a consequence of lost identity. Therefore Jesus took our identity, took our lost identity, totally identified with our total lost-ness and overcome death for us. That was the point he overcame, death...

...There was no need for a sacrificial offering, in any sense, in the way that religion paints it. He took our death. Jesus offered himself to take death before the foundation of the world. That's what he did. Therefore, what happened when Jesus died, he overcame death. He conquered death...

...He was resurrected, and everyone now lives resurrected life. So, everyone who was in their own lost identity - separated from God – now, when they restore, find the realization of their true identity, find that they're not separated, they're already reconciled...

...Reconciliation has already taken place. It's only people's lack of experiencing it, that's the issue. That's what the resurrection did."

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**Q:** Why then, do the NT writers talk about sacrifice and an altar in Heaven?

**A:** They were explaining to Jews, what Jesus had done, using their religion as the vehicle for understanding.

### An alternative answer to the question:

A: Father chose his Israelite people as the vehicle to bring about the reversal of The Fall. Therefore, he used their religious system as the backdrop to show them that it had been done in a way they were familiar with — i.e. sin sacrifice. They would not have accepted what he had achieved if it had been done outside of sacrifice and outside of the religious law.

What does that mean for us?

We're not living under Judaism, so we need to see the spiritual reality, not the religious picture language used for Jews in the 1st century. They needed it to accept what had been achieved, and they we then confident to spread it around the known world of their time.

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