

Revelation 13:11-18—The False Prophet

This week we come to the section that tells us about the false prophet, the man who works with the antichrist to deceive the whole world.

Revision—Timeline of events

Let's start this week with a revision of the order of events, starting with the Rapture:

1. Rapture (the Church is snatched up from the earth, meets Jesus in the air, and continues to Heaven)

The tribulation begins:

2. The antichrist is revealed when he confirms the 7 year peace treaty with Israel—the clock starts ticking—the 7 year tribulation has begun

Then at the halfway point of the 7 year tribulation (3 1/2 years, 42 months, 1260 days):

3. Antichrist breaks agreement with Israel
4. The two witnesses are killed
5. Israel flees to the mountains of Edom/Petra where God protects and nourishes them for 1260 days (until the Second Coming)
6. The antichrist is killed/assassinated but rises from the dead
7. The mark of the Beast is administered or rolled out
8. The antichrist commences his genocide of believers

Then at the end of the 7 years:

9. Jesus comes back (Second Coming)
10. Satan locked up for 1,000 years
11. The antichrist and the false prophet are thrown directly into the Lake of Fire
12. Sheep and Goat judgement (Matthew 25:31-46)

Next era or dispensation:

13. 1,000 year Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ
14. At the end of the 1,000 years Satan is released. He gathers those born during the Millennial Reign who are unbelievers for the final war, who are then destroyed by fire.
15. Satan is then thrown into the Lake of fire, joining the antichrist and the false prophet
16. Current heavens and earth dissolve (are destroyed)

Great White Throne Judgement

17. All unbelievers from all eras or dispensations from all of earth history appear before the Great White throne judgment and are sent to the Lake of Fire.

Next era or dispensation:

18. New Heavens and new earth - Eternity

Last week we learned a lot about the antichrist. This week our focus changes to his evil sidekick, the **false prophet**, but first we'll quickly revise what the first half of Revelation chapter 13 says about the **antichrist**.

Let's read all of Chapter 13. We'll only cover the last half today, the section that talks about the **false prophet**, but reading the first half will help us remember what we covered last week.

Revelation 13:1-18 NKJV

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Revision—The antichrist

We finished in verse 6 last week, we it says that the antichrist will blaspheme God, His name, heaven and those who live there — in other words, he will be trying to discredit the rapture — the antichrist doesn't want people thinking that a loving and all powerful God has taken His people home.

Revelation 13:7 NKJV

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Remember that the antichrist has been given Satan's power (internal strength/power—like superman), Satan's authority (external power—like a policeman), and Satan's throne (the right to rule the earth). So what does the antichrist do with this power? Well, the antichrist's main occupation during the last 3 1/2 years will be to seek and destroy tribulation saints, those who come to Christ during the tribulation. Remember that there will be 144,000 Israelites, 12,000 from each tribe, sealed by the Holy Spirit, who will be witnessing to the entire world, leading multitudes to Christ. This is the worldwide evangelism spoken of in Matthew 24:14 where literally all the world will hear the gospel before Jesus returns to rule the earth:

Matthew 24:14 NKJV

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

They will also have great help from two prophets or witnesses who will prophesy from Jerusalem, most likely Moses and Elijah. God will remove His protection from them at the half way point and the antichrist will kill them. The world will be so happy that they will declare a worldwide Christmas, or public holiday, where they will send gifts to each other. But their joy will be short lived when God resurrects both of them after 3 1/2 days and they ascend into heaven in the sight of the entire world (satellite TV). We read about all this is Revelation 11.

In addition to the 144,000 evangelists and the 2 witnesses, there will be angels flying around proclaiming the gospel and warning people. We know exactly what their message will be:

Revelation 14:6-11 NKJV

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to **every nation, tribe, tongue, and people**—⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

⁸ And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

The antichrist will try to make it so that there will be no believers left for Christ to come back for. Again, you don't want to miss the rapture. If you continue to put off repenting and accepting Christ as your Lord and Saviour, don't assume that it will be easy during the tribulation. We know that the full deceptive power of Satan will be unleashed and many people will fall under his spell. If you do repent and accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, then you will most likely die a gruesome martyr's death. It's no coincidence that the bible says to the believers concerning the promise that they will not go into the tribulation, "**therefore comfort one another with these words.**"

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 NLT paraphrase

We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ **So encourage each other with these words.**

Revelation 13:8 NKJV

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Last week we learned that our names are written into the “Book of Life of the Lamb” when we are saved. If your name is in this book, you are going to heaven.

Revelation 13:9 NKJV

If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

If you remember that back in Revelation chapters 2 and 3, there were seven letters to seven churches that were representative of the seven different types of churches that would come. Each of the seven letters finished with, **“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”** Compare this to Revelation 13:9:

Revelation 13:9

If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

Revelation 2 - 3

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Can you pick the difference? What’s missing? **“... what the Spirit says to the churches.”** Why? Because the church isn’t there. The church is caught up before the 7 year tribulation starts. The book of Revelation is entirely consistent with a pre-tribulation rapture view.

Revelation 13:10 NKJV

¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

What this means is that during this time it is futile to try to fight, because the antichrist controls everything. It’s basically saying that if you fight to survive, then you will be wiped out by the sword. The best the believers can do is to have a smile on their faces as they confess that Jesus is Lord and look forward to meeting Jesus in Heaven. You might say to me that that is a very callous thing to say, but before you judge me, let’s read:

Revelation 14:13 NKJV

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labours, and their works follow them.”

“Blessed” means happy. The tribulation saints will be much happier dead than alive.

The False prophet—Revelation 13:11-18

Now we come to the next section or second half of chapter 13. The first half, verses 1 to 10 describe the first beast, who we know is the antichrist. Now, we are introduced to a second beast, who is the known as the false prophet (see Revelation 16:13, 19:20, and 20:10). This man will be just as wicked as the antichrist and will share his fate—when Jesus comes back, both will be thrown directly into the Lake of fire without even experiencing the Great White Throne Judgement.

Revelation 13:11 NKJV

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

v 11 **Another beast:** of the same kind as the antichrist, both human and both completely sold out to Satan do evil. What Jesus said about Judas is also applicable to these two children of the Devil:

Mark 14:21 NLT paraphrase

For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!"

v 11 **Coming up out of the earth:** Literally it is "**the land**". "**The**" is the definite article, and "land" referring to a particular location or country. In the context this is most likely Israel. Remember that the antichrist comes "out of the sea" (verse 1), which is the gentile nations. But the false prophet comes out of "the land", meaning Israel. What this indicates is that the false prophet will very likely be Jewish.

v 11 **And he had two horns like a lamb and [but] spoke like a dragon.** The word "and" between lamb and spoke in the Greek can be translated as either "and" or "but". In this instance, it should probably be translated as "but".

"and he had two horns like a lamb *but* spoke like a dragon."

Can you figure that one out? ...**two horns like a lamb...**

Firstly, **lamb** speaks of Jesus, the lamb of God.

Secondly, **two horns** of power could represent the entire nation of Israel. For much of its history Israel existed as two nations, Israel in the north and Judah in the south. It could be that this Jewish false prophet will be appealing to the entire nation to follow the antichrist as their Messiah, as their political saviour. Remember that the Jews have been looking for a political messiah ever since the Babylonian captivity. They wanted someone who would save them from oppression and war. The antichrist will do that and also give them their temple. With his supernatural powers, he will indeed seem like their messiah.

Remember what Jesus said in:

John 5:43 NKJV

I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

The false prophet will appear to be a godly man, a lamb, and will convince many to follow and worship the antichrist. I think of it like this: *Just like John the Baptist spoke of Jesus and pointed people to Jesus, so the antichrist will point people to the antichrist.*

v 11 **But spoke like a dragon.** That is because Satan also gives this man his power. This man, the false prophet, will also be empowered by Satan when in the presence of the antichrist.

Revelation 13:12 NKJV

And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

v 12 again, “**the earth**” is “**the land**”, a reference to the nation of Israel. So what does this second beast, this Jewish false prophet do? He causes all the of land Israel and the people in it to worship the antichrist. He causes them to be deceived.

v 12 ...**deadly**... The same word is also used in 13:2, where it is translated as *mortal* wound. Literally, the word translated “**deadly**” or “**mortal**” means “to die” or “death”. So this **deadly** wound was a *fatal* wound.

v 12 **Whose deadly wound was healed:** as we learned last week, there will be a successful assassination attempt and the antichrist will be killed but brought back to life. This is all part of the deception of the false messiah, the anti-christ.

Revelation 13:13 NKJV

He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

v 13 The word translated as “**signs**” is the same Greek word used to describe the miraculous signs done by Jesus Christ. This false prophet performs great miracles which are signs, meaning that the signs or miracles he performs have great meaning to them.

v 13 **So that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men:** Who did this in the Old Testament? Elijah. Who will be the two witnesses that will be around during the first half of the 7 year tribulation? Most likely Moses and Elijah. This false prophet will be upstaging, or trying to upstage, Elijah.

Revelation 13:14 NKJV

And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

v 14 **Those who dwell on the earth:** as we have learned before, **those who dwell on the earth** are the unbelievers. So in addition to deceiving the nation of Israel, he also helps to deceive the rest of the world.

v 14 **By those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast:** It seems that the false prophet is limited to only do these miraculous signs in the presence of the antichrist. Remember that Satan gave his power, authority and throne to the antichrist, not the false prophet. So it seems that the false prophet can only work these miracles in the presence of the antichrist, given that it seems that the antichrist is possessed by Satan.

v 14 **Telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived:** Again we hear about this counterfeit resurrection, this anti-resurrection. The false prophet encourages the worship of the antichrist, the false christ, the false Messiah, by demanding that they make statues of the antichrist in honour of his resurrection. In verse 15 it tells us that it's worship the statue or die.

v 14 ...**sword**... if we take it literally, the antichrist will be killed and then miraculously healed from a sword wound. However, the sword was the most lethal weapon of the day. Today, it could refer to a gun. Remember that there was no word for gun in John's day. Maybe the antichrist will be shot in the head.

Revelation 13:15 NKJV

He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Here they make an exact image of the antichrist from Rome and bring it to life. And all will be required to worship the image of the antichrist. Here we come to the halfway point of the 7 year tribulation, and the ecumenical religion that dominated the first 3 1/2 years, the first half of the 7 year tribulation (see Revelation 17) will be replaced by explicit Satan worship for the last half (3 1/2 years) of the Tribulation. The whole world will know that worshipping the antichrist is one and the same as worshipping Satan.

Revelation 13:4 NKJV

So they worshiped the dragon [Satan] who gave authority to the beast [antichrist]; and they worshiped the beast [antichrist], saying, "Who is like the beast [antichrist]? Who is able to make war with him?"

The false prophet operates as this great religious person who brings about the worship of the Roman antichrist. He is the one who instigates the world to see the antichrist as more than a man, as being god.

What form the image will take is the focus of much speculation. It could be artificial intelligence. It could be simply robots programmed to act and sound like the antichrist. Or, it could be that these images are given speech by demons. Who knows. Whatever form the image takes, it doesn't matter. What does matter is whether or not you submit to it and worship it. Remember again the angel's warning:

Revelation 14:9-11 NKJV

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "**If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.**"

This choice to worship the image of the antichrist is very different to any of the day to day choices we make today. This one decision will have eternal consequences. In one moment of time, you are making the choice between eternal death and eternal life. Eternal death will be the result of choosing to worship the image and keep your life. Eternal life will be the result if you choose *not* to worship the image and are willing to give up your life for Jesus sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Remember the sobering words of Jesus which are repeated in the gospels multiple times—here are just a few examples:

John 12:25 NLT paraphrase

Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.

Matthew 10:37-39 NLT paraphrase

“If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. ³⁸ If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. ³⁹ **If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.**”

Matthew 16:25-26 NKJV

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or **what will a man give in exchange for his soul?**

Matthew 16:25-26 NLT

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? **Is anything worth more than your soul?**

Mark 8:34-38 NLT paraphrase

Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. ³⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? ³⁷ Is anything worth more than your soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Basically, the choice goes like this:

Choice number 1—the red pill (takeoff of the Matrix movie)—keep your miserable physical life for a few more miserable years of what will in a real way seem like hell on earth. It will feel like hell on earth because of all the judgements, especially the bowl judgements. But you will really experience hell when you eventually do die or Jesus comes back.

OR

Choice number 2—the blue pill—you choose to, as an act of worship to God, and for the sake of the gospel, refuse to worship Satan and the antichrist, and in the process of being killed you are transported to Heaven where you will be in the direct presence of God. Again, if you choose to worship God and not Satan you will be killed, but this is what waits for you, this is what you have to look forward to:

Revelation 7:9-17 NKJV

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”

14 And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

So he said to me, “**These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation**, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat (no more suffering and persecution); 17 **for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**” [They will receive comfort]

I’ve made my choice already. I have decided to choose to give my life for Jesus sake or for the sake of the Gospel if or when the need arises. By extension, I have decided that I will choose to suffer for the sake of the gospel. I know what is waiting for me. I will bear my cross and wear the shame as a badge of honour.

Keep in mind that Christians who are true to the word of God, and take a stance on homosexuality, creation, and biblical truth in general are already labelled as a cult. It was in Sunday’s paper. A church who meets in a school building was attacked and labelled a cult in Sunday’s paper because of their biblical stance on homosexuality and other issues. Things are changing rapidly. The days where we will have to face the fiery furnace or enter the lions den are closer than we like to imagine. Make your choice now so when the trial comes you won’t have to think about your decision.

Revelation 13:16-18 NKJV

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

The false prophet causes the entire population of the world (**small and great, rich and poor, free and slave**) to receive the mark of the beast. The mark will be either on their right hand or on their foreheads, and demands that no-one can buy or sell unless they have the mark. This is total control of the world’s economy—the realisation of a truly one world economy. This is total control of religion. Your worship of Satan determines whether or not you can receive the mark of the beast, which is really a pledge of allegiance to Satan. You are selling your soul to Satan when you take the mark. You are worshipping Satan by submitting to him.

Do you see Satan's clever ruse here? Just like the Roman emperors of the past who forced their population to offer a pinch of incense every year as an act of worship or loyalty to the emperor and Roman empire, so Satan will force the population of the world to worship him. And just like in the Roman empire millions upon millions of Christians were martyred because they could not and would not worship the emperor, so countless millions of believers will die at the hand of the antichrist because they can not and will not worship Satan or his Roman antichrist. This is Satan's way of rooting out and destroying or killing the tribulation saints, the tribulation believers. There will be no hiding from this. Those who don't take the mark will be hunted down and killed. The only ones who will have the courage to reject the mark will be the believers. This is how Satan will seek and destroy the believers during the tribulation.

It's very simple. If you worship the image, you get a mark. If you don't worship the image, then you don't get a mark. This is why tribulation believers can not and will not receive the mark of the beast.

Again, why is the mark so important? Because if you don't have the mark, they you can't buy, sell, or hold a job anywhere on this planet.

v 17 **The mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.** This can be translated as **the mark or the name of the beast, *which is the number of his name.*** Basically, the name is digitised, or made into a number. Does that remind you of anything today? Barcodes, QR codes, social security numbers etc. Today, the antichrist has the technological means to track every person. This is something that would not have been possible only 50 years ago.

Here is what Wikipedia says:

The barcode was invented by Norman Joseph Woodland and Bernard Silver and patented in the US in **1951**. The invention was based on Morse code that was extended to thin and thick bars. However, it took over twenty years before this invention became commercially successful.

Now-days we don't need barcodes, because the number can be stored in a computer chip. And not only can these chips store the number, but also all your information—medical records, banking, your current health employment etc. They can also track your location using satellites to within 1m.

The number of the beast will most likely be a suffix or prefix that will be added to a persons existing number. I.e. you won't be able to buy, sell, or work, unless you have the name of the antichrist, which is digitised, added to your personal number.

So every time you wake up in the morning, thank God, and say, "this may be my last day here on earth.

Closing application—The Gospel

Just like the people living during the 7 year tribulation will have to make a final choice concerning their eternal destiny at the halfway point of the tribulation, so we all have a single choice to make which will determine our eternal destiny. The decision is simply this:

What will you do with Jesus?

— Will you confess that you are a sinner, a law breaker, a person guilty of breaking God's law and deserving of death? (Romans 6:23, 1 John 1:9)

— Will you repent of yours sins, which means to turn from your sin and turn to God. (Luke 13:3)

— Will you ask God to forgive you, based on Christ's payment for your sins when He died on the cross? (Romans 3:25)

These three things together define what it means to believe in Jesus for salvation, to be saved from your sins. Remember that salvation is not based on what you do to try to be good enough for God—you can never be good enough. Instead, it's a change of heart that leads to a changed life. God accepts you as you are and the change process starts after salvation. Consider the following verses:

Confession of Sin

1 John 1:8-9 NKJV

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Repentance

Luke 13:3 NLT paraphrase

And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.

Believing that Christ is the payment for our sins

Romans 3:25 NLT paraphrase

²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice (propitiation or payment) for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

The result—Eternal life

John 5:24 NLT paraphrase

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.