

The payment for sinful crimes against God.

2 Thessalonians 1:8 – 10

A. They must account to God for their sins. V. 9a “Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction...”

1. The lost “*shall pay penalty*” for their own sins.

a. The Lord said, they shall feel a certain comfort, then as a thief in the night Jesus will take their safety away. **1 Thessalonians 5:3** “*For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*”

b. **Philippians 3:18 - 19** (*For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.*)”

c. They will pay with everlasting destruction, the destruction of both body and soul in hell. **Matthew 10:28** “*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*”

d. This is their penalty for their sinning against God, everlasting pain, and misery. Everlasting means endless, so is their punishment.

2. Jesus paid our sin debt. **1 Peter 3:18** “*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*”

a. **Romans 6:22 - 23** “*But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (23) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*” – The word “wages” means to pay someone who has earned something. Here it is used in paying soldiers that are in battle, to the lost soul is it their payment to God for their sins. Pay for what a man earns or deserves; what is his proper pay, or what he merits. As applied to sin, it means that death is what sin deserves, death is everlasting destruction.

