The Ransom—God's Greatest Gift (Part 2)

Based on chapter 5 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on jw.org.

OBJECTIVE: Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.

HOW CAN THE DEATH OF JESUS AFFECT OUR LIFE?

1 ▶ EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

What do you think other people might say?

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What do *you* believe?

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Why do you believe that?

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The ransom can bring us many benefits.
(See chapter 5 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 14-17.)

Read Colossians 1:13, 14 and Hebrews 9:13, 14.
How can the ransom free us from excessive guilt over our sins?

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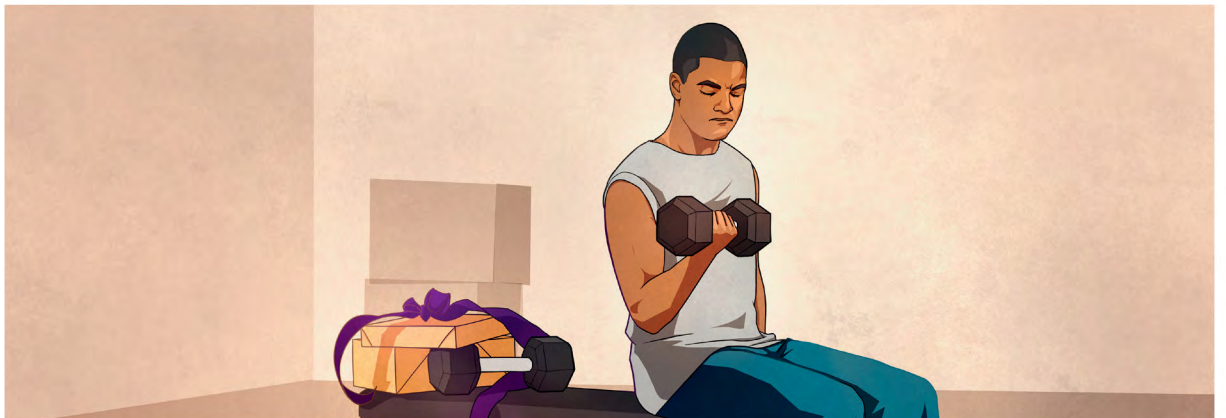
Read Romans 6:23.
In what sense will faithful humans benefit from the ransom throughout eternity?

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Like a gift that benefits you only if you use it, the ransom can bring us many blessings —but only if we show we have faith in it

We should show our appreciation for the ransom.

(See chapter 5 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 18-22.)

Read John 17:3 and 1 John 5:3.
If we appreciate the ransom, what will we be moved to do?

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Read John 3:16 and James 2:26.
Is it enough simply to *say* that we believe in Jesus' ransom sacrifice?

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In what ways do you especially want to show your appreciation for the ransom?

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3 ▸ EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS…

> I don't see how the death of one man thousands of years ago has anything to do with my life.

YOU MIGHT REPLY…

> **Many people probably would agree with that statement. But I believe that the death of Jesus *does* affect our life because…**
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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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IF SOMEONE SAYS…

> All that is needed for salvation is belief in Jesus.

YOU MIGHT REPLY…

> **I agree that belief in Jesus is essential. But I am also convinced that more than belief is needed because…**
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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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