

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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### **Salvation II**

**(THE PENALTY FOR SIN)**

**ROMANS 5:12 NKJV – (12)** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

**ROMANS 6:23 NKJV – (23)** For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**LUKE 16:23 NKJV – (23)** And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Death, as we read in Romans 6:23, is the wage of sin. Men speak of it lightly, but it is indeed "the king of terrors" for the natural man (Job 18:14). A well-known writer said: "Man finds in Death an end to every hope, to every project, to all his thoughts and plans. The busy scene in which his whole life has been, knows him no more. His nature has given way, powerless to resist this master (death) to which it belongs, and who now asserts his dreadful rights. But this is far from being all. Man indeed, as man alive in this world, sinks down into nothing. But why? Sin has come in; with sin, conscience; with sin, Satan's power; still more with sin, God's judgment. Death is the expression and witness of all this. It is the wages of sin, terror to the conscience, Satan's power over us, for he has the power of death (See notes Hebrews 2:14; Hebrews 2:15). Can God help here? Alas, it is His own judgment on sin. Death seems but as the proof that sin does not pass unnoticed, and is the terror and plague of the conscience, as witness of God's judgment, the officer of justice to the criminal, and the proof of his guilt in the presence of coming judgment. How can it but be terrible? It is the seal upon the fall and ruin and condemnation of the first Adam. And he has nothing but this old nature." (Romans 6)

You can work for Sin the Sin principle or propensity inherited from Adam), but it is a cruel master. When it pays you off, its wage is death—separation from God forever. In stark contrast, God does not pay wages. He has a free gift to offer—eternal life. There is nothing that one can do to earn this gift. If one could earn it, it would not be a gift; it would be wages. Eternal life is just that—eternal—it never ceases.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

REVELATION 21:8

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The Blood of Jesus washes away our past and the Name of Jesus opens up our future.

