

That's Enough

Adam and Eve were tempted to *become like God* and they ate the forbidden fruit. **That's enough!** And God sent them out of paradise and cursed them.

Cain's jealousy raged to the point of killing his own brother. **That's enough!** And God cursed him and banished him.

In Noah's day the entire world was bent on evil. **That's enough!** And God purged the evil with a great flood.

Abraham asked God to spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for 10 righteous men. God said, "That's enough," but could not find ten. **That's enough!** And God destroyed the wicked cities.

Isaac lay on the alter; his father's arm drawn back, knife in hand, ready to offer the sacrifice. **That's enough.** And God provided a ram.

The Egyptians held the Israelites in cruel slavery. The people cried out for mercy. **That's enough!** And God ravaged the evil Egyptians through plague after plague after plague, ten in all. And God's people walked away from their captors.

The Israelites complained for water at Marah. In the desert they grumbled for food. At Mount Sinai they grew tired of waiting for Moses and built an idol. **That's enough!** And God sent a plague on the people, killing thousands.

The law was given and a system of sacrifices was instituted. A sacrifice was offered on the Day of Atonement for the sins of the people... year after year after year after year... **Not enough...**

And most of the people lost faith and chose evil...

And God patiently waited...And waited,,,And waited...

THAT'S ENOUGH!!!

Then Deity came to earth in the form of the created. And he lived, and touched, and smelled, and tasted, and heard, and saw just like us...and was tempted with sin...just like us.

He was perfect, but no one else was perfect.

He showed people how to please God, but no one could please his God.

So, God's judgment stood against man and his evil corrupt, unbelieving heart.

But Deity had a plan...

- Jesus, son of a carpenter, human, flesh and blood like any other man...
- Jesus, Son of God, equal with God, Deity...
- Jesus, God/man, perfect, righteous, blameless, unblemished...
- Jesus, willing sacrifice
For all mankind
For all time
For all sin.

And God said...

...as he tore the temple curtain ...

...as he shook the earth and darkened the sky...

...as he opened tombs and raised the dead...

...as he accepted the perfect sacrifice...

That IS Enough.

Because that sacrifice please God and that sacrifice satisfied God completely.

Now, all who appeal to God's mercy through the blood of that sacrifice will know joy in life, and peace with God, and the confidence of their salvation, and their everlasting hope...

And...**That's enough.**

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