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## **GOD HAD A PLAN**

### **1 John 2:1–2 (NLT)**

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

### **Revelation 13:8**

“...the lamb was slaughtered before the world was made”

### **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)**

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### **FIRST:**

### **Why is the Shedding of Blood Necessary for Reconciliation with God?**

### **Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV)**

For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.’

### **Hebrews 9:22 (NLT)**

For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

### **Genesis 3:6–7 (NLT)**

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

### **Genesis 3:9–10 (NLT)**

9 Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” 10 He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”

### **Genesis 3:21 (NLT)**

21 And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

**SECOND:**

**What makes the Blood of Jesus different from any other blood?**

**Matthew 1:18 (NLT)**

18 This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant **through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Matthew 1:20 (NLT)**

20 As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was **conceived by the Holy Spirit.**