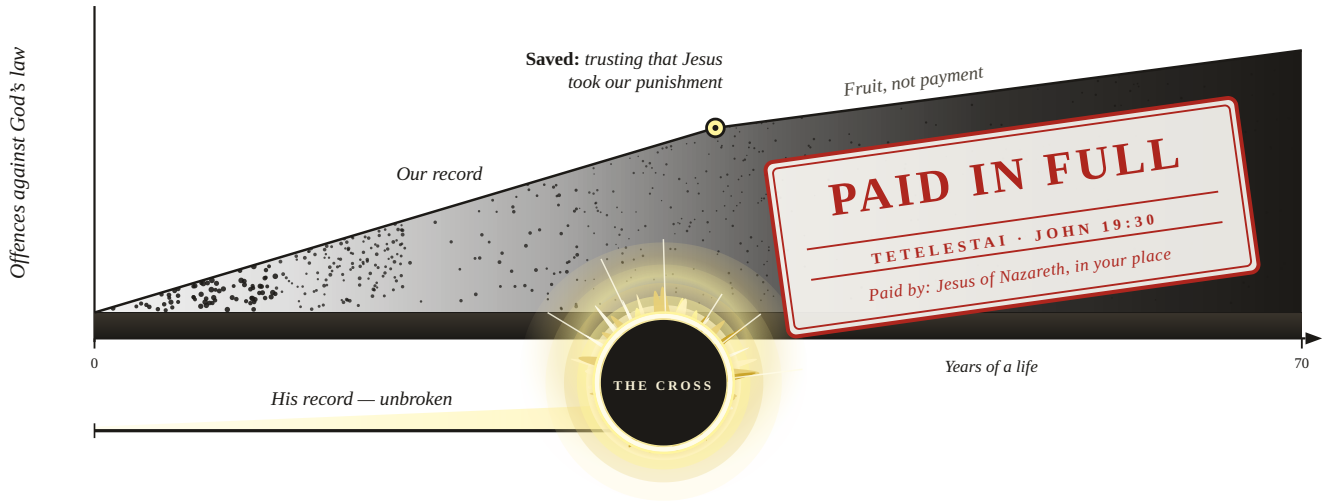
THE TESTIMONY

Paid in Full

Two lines through time, and the receipt.

Two lines run over the same years. One is ours. One is his. The debt is paid.



"For as through the one man's disobedience many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one, many will be made righteous." Rom 5:19

THE COUNT The line never levels off, not even after we are saved, though it bends. From the first breath the account is open (Rom 5:12). Each offence is against an infinitely holy God.

WHY IT BENDS When someone trusts that Jesus took their punishment, God gives a new heart *Ezek 36:26; 2 Cor 5:17*. What we love begins to change, so the offences grow fewer, but they do not stop. The change is fruit of being saved, not payment for it: the whole record, before and after, is cancelled at the cross.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT — *The Court of Heaven*

	LAW BROKEN	REFERENCE	AMOUNT DUE
1	Used God's name as a curse word	*Ex 20:7*	*guilty*
2	Took what was not ours	*Ex 20:15*	*guilty*
3	Told a lie	*Ex 20:16*	*guilty*
4	Lust in the heart	*Matt 5:28*	*guilty*
5	Anger and hatred in the heart	*Matt 5:22*	*guilty*
…	*and the rest, for "all have sinned"*	*Rom 3:23*	*guilty*
	TOTAL DUE	*"The wages of sin is death" Rom 6:23*	**DEATH**

CANCELLED *"wiping out the handwriting in ordinances which was against us… nailing it to the cross"* Col 2:14

THE CHOICE

Trust that Jesus took our punishment in our place, or carry it yourself.

1 — Trust that it is paid

Jesus took your punishment in your place. His clean record is then counted as yours.

or

2 — Carry it yourself

The debt remains.

"…the wrath of God remains on him." John 3:36

Nothing to add. "It is finished." *John 19:30*

Even the trust is a gift: "it is the gift of God" Eph 2:8 · *A changed life follows as the fruit, never as the price.* Eph 2:10

The evidence that the payment is real: Resurrection on Trial

QUOTATIONS: WORLD ENGLISH BIBLE