

PUT IT ON MY ACCOUNT

Scripture:

Philemon 18-19
1 John 2:1-2

Introduction

The majesty of the gospel of Jesus Christ lies in the fact that when we were spiritually and morally bankrupt, Jesus, with his own blood, paid our debt.

My past due account of many sins was settled at Calvary.

I. The history

A. Onesimus--name means "useful"

1. Runaway slave from Colossae
2. Had robbed his master
3. Converted in Rome

B. Philemon

1. Onesimus' master
2. Had been wronged
3. Except for Paul's intercession, his justice would have prevailed

II. The cross

A. Mankind spiritually bankrupt

1. Had no means to save himself
2. Had no future

B. God's love reached out to men

But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

Romans 5:20b

C. Calvary established accounts

1. For salvation
2. For healing
3. For empowering

III. The accounts

And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1 John 2:1

- A. Payment was made on Calvary
- B. Jesus says:
 - 1. Put sin on my account
 - 2. Receive healing on my account
 - 3. Receive the Spirit on my account

Conclusion

Tell of preacher's dream concerning his death, and asking for access to heaven. He gained access only because Jesus said, "Father, put it on my account."