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through His unjust suffering and death**

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Jude 6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

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CONCLUSION

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- 3 In what ways should I live differently in light of what Christ has done for me, the just dying for the unjust?
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