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Jesus is eternal life (Romans 6:23). Choosing not to be forgiven of your sins, is the same as accepting an invitation from Satan to spend eternity with him in the lake of fire.

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