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Three young men go out and take with them one young man whom two of them secretly hate.

The two rise up and smite the one that they hate.

The third protests, but doesn't partake not protects.

The young man is murdered by the first two.

The father of the murdered young man is the revenger of blood, and he comes after the three of them.

The father, the revenger of blood, meets one of them, and slays him in vengeance.

The other two run like mad, and make it to the city of refuge.

They are judged, one to be guilty, and the other not guilty, of the blood of the son of the revenger.

The guilty is turned over to the father, the revenger of blood, who now with twice the wrath, slays him bit by bit.

The third is safe, as long as he remains in the city of refuge.

If he remains in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest, he will be then safe to the land of his possession.

Everyone in this room is like one of these three young men.

Which one are you like?

They are like most people in the world, they see no reason to, or have no desire to, get saved.

"Don't give me that Jesus stuff", they consciously or unconsciously say.

By their lifestyle and attitude they spit in Jesus' face.

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So like those three young men, we all start out guilty of the blood of the Son of God.

The Father is the revenger of the blood of his Son.

If we fall into his hands, guilty of the blood of his Son, he will slay us by casting us into the lake of fire.

Like the two remaining, some of us, knew that we were in mortal peril.

And we heard the gospel, and got to the city of refuge.

The 2nd man is like any of us, who even after hearing the gospel, coming to the city of refuge, rejects Jesus, and doesn't call upon Jesus to save him.

Then he remains guilty of the blood God, but he rejected the LORD's free gift of salvation.

But some of us are like the third young man.

We realize that we are guilty of the blood of the Son of God.

We repent.

We call upon Jesus to save us.

And then we enter into the city of refuge.

In the old testament to remain safely there until the death of the high priest.

Safely then to return into the land of his possession.

But what about us now, when we enter the city of refuge?

Not only is Jesus our city of refuge, Jesus is also our High Priest.

Our High Priest will never die!

So we are forever safe in Jesus our city of refuge.