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Fear, and all it leads to, can be called the *sinful state*, the *sin of the world*, Jesus came to take away. But just how does Jesus *take away the sin of the world*? Some in our tradition, still seeing the *sin of the world* in terms of the specific sinful acts we commit, say Jesus does this by “paying the price” God demands because of our sins. This thinking is based on the very familiar human thinking that every wrong must be righted by ‘settling the score,’ either by a wrongdoer somehow repaying the one wronged for the wrong done, or by being punished and made to suffer like the one wronged was made to suffer. It sees God as the one wronged and suffering dishonor and disrespect by the offensiveness of our sins, and us, humanity, as the ones who have to settle the score by somehow repaying or restoring to God the honor, obedience, and respect he lost by our sins. But because God’s honor and dignity are so far beyond anything we can ever ‘pay back,’ we are simply incapable of settling the score and righting the wrong we’ve done. And so we must be punished.

Please let us know what else about our faith tradition you'd like to find out more about.
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