

## Message Two

# Taking Christ as the Burnt Offering for God's Satisfaction and Expression

Scripture Reading: Lev. 1:1-17; 6:8-13; Num. 28:2-3;  
John 4:23-24; 5:30; 6:38; 8:29; Rev. 21:18-21

- Lev 1:1 Then Jehovah called to Moses and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying,  
Lev 1:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When any one of you presents an offering to Jehovah, you shall present your offering from the cattle, of the herd or of the flock.  
Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.  
Lev 1:4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him, to make expiation for him.  
Lev 1:5 And he shall slaughter the young bull before Jehovah; and Aaron's sons the priests shall present the blood and sprinkle the blood on and around the altar that is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.  
Lev 1:6 And he shall sprinkle the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.  
Lev 1:7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange the wood in order on the fire.  
Lev 1:8 Then Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar;  
Lev 1:9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.  
Lev 1:10 And if his offering is from the flock, of the sheep or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall present it, a male without blemish.  
Lev 1:11 And he shall slaughter it on the side of the altar northward before Jehovah, and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle its blood on and around the altar.  
Lev 1:12 And he shall cut it into its pieces with its head and its fat, and the priest shall arrange them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar;  
Lev 1:13 But the inward parts and the legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall present the whole and burn it on the altar; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.  
Lev 1:14 And if his offering to Jehovah is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall present his offering of turtledoves or of young pigeons.  
Lev 1:15 And the priest shall present it at the altar and wring off its head and burn it on the altar; and its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar.  
Lev 1:16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar toward the east, in the place of the ashes.  
Lev 1:17 Then he shall tear it open by its wings without dividing it, and the priest shall burn it on the altar on the wood that is on the fire; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.  
Lev 6:8 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,  
Lev 6:9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.  
Lev 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.  
Lev 6:11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.  
Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.  
Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.  
Num 28:2 Command the children of Israel and say to them, My offering, My food for My offerings by fire of a satisfying fragrance to Me, you shall be careful to present to Me at its appointed time.  
Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.

- John 4:23 But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him.
- John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.
- John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.
- Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
- Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
- Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
- Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

**I. The burnt offering (Lev. 1:1-17; 6:8-13), which was wholly for God's satisfaction, as food for God, signifies Christ as God's pleasure and satisfaction, as the One whose living on earth was absolutely for God (1:3; Num. 28:2-3; John 5:30; 6:38; 8:29; Heb. 10:5-10):**

- Lev 1:1-17 be omitted.
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- Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.
- Num 28:2 Command the children of Israel and say to them, My offering, My food for My offerings by fire of a satisfying fragrance to Me, you shall be careful to present to Me at its appointed time.
- Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.
- John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.
- Heb 10:5 Therefore, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.
- Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not delight.
- Heb 10:7 Then I said, Behold, I have come (in the roll of the book it is written concerning Me) to do Your will, O God."
- Heb 10:8 Saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not desire nor delight in" (which are offered according to the law),
- Heb 10:9 He then has said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first that He may establish the second,
- Heb 10:10 By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- A. As the burnt offering, Christ was brought to the slaughter—Isa. 53:7; Matt. 27:31; Phil. 2:8.
- Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and it was He who was afflicted, / Yet He did not open His mouth; / Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter / And like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers, / So He did not open His mouth.
- Matt 27:31 And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.
- Phil 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.
- B. As the burnt offering, Christ was slaughtered—Lev. 1:5a; Luke 23:21; Acts 2:23.
- Lev 1:5a And he shall slaughter the young bull before Jehovah; ...
- Luke 23:21 But they continued to shout, saying, Crucify, crucify Him!

- Acts 2:23 This man, delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you, through the hand of lawless men, nailed to a cross and killed;
- C. As the burnt offering, Christ was skinned, stripped of the outward appearance of His human virtues—Lev. 1:6a; Matt. 11:19; Mark 3:22; John 8:48; 10:20; Matt. 26:65; 27:28, 35; Psa. 22:18.
- Lev 1:6a And he shall skin the burnt offering ...
- Matt 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking; and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. Yet wisdom is justified by her works.
- Mark 3:22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons He casts out the demons.
- John 8:48 The Jews answered and said to Him, Have we not spoken well in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?
- John 10:20 And many of them said, He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?
- Matt 26:65 Then the high priest tore his garments, saying, He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy.
- Matt 27:28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe around Him,
- Matt 27:35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among themselves, casting lots.
- Psa 22:18 They divide my garments to themselves, / And for my clothing they cast lots.
- D. As the burnt offering, Christ was cut into pieces—Lev. 1:6b; Mark 15:29-32; Luke 23:35-39; Psa. 22:16-17.
- Lev 1:6b ...and cut it into its pieces.
- Mark 15:29 And those who were passing by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days,
- Mark 15:30 Save Yourself and come down from the cross!
- Mark 15:31 Likewise also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him with one another and said, He saved others; Himself He cannot save.
- Mark 15:32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe. Those who were crucified with Him also reproached Him.
- Luke 23:35 And the people stood by, looking on. And the rulers also sneered, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!
- Luke 23:36 And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him and offering Him vinegar,
- Luke 23:37 And saying, If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!
- Luke 23:38 And there was also an inscription over Him: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
- Luke 23:39 And one of the criminals who were hanged there blasphemed Him, saying, Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!
- Psa 22:16 For dogs surround me; / A company of evildoers encloses me; / They pierce my hands and feet.
- Psa 22:17 I count all my bones; / They look, they stare at me.
- E. Christ's experience in being wisdom is signified by the head of the burnt offering—Lev. 1:8; Luke 2:40, 52; Mark 9:40; Matt. 12:30; 21:23-27; 22:15-22, 34-40.
- Lev 1:8 Then Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar;
- Luke 2:40 And the little child grew and became strong, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.
- Luke 2:52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature and in the grace manifested in Him before God and men.
- Mark 9:40 For he who is not against us is for us.
- Matt 12:30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.
- Matt 21:23 And when He came into the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to Him as He was teaching and said, By what authority do You do these things? And who gave You this authority?
- Matt 21:24 And Jesus answered and said to them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.
- Matt 21:25 The baptism of John, from where did it come, from heaven or from men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say, From heaven, He will say to us, Why then did you not believe him?

- Matt 21:26 But if we say, From men, we fear the crowd, for all hold John as a prophet.  
 Matt 21:27 And they answered Jesus and said, We do not know. He too said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.
- Matt 22:15 Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how they might ensnare Him in His words.  
 Matt 22:16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that You are true and that You teach the way of God in truth and do not fear anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.  
 Matt 22:17 Tell us therefore, What do You think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?  
 Matt 22:18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, Why do you tempt Me, hypocrites?  
 Matt 22:19 Show Me the coin for the tribute. And they brought to Him a denarius.  
 Matt 22:20 And He said to them, Whose is this image and inscription?  
 Matt 22:21 They said, Caesar's. Then He said to them, Render then the things that are Caesar's to Caesar and the things that are God's to God.  
 Matt 22:22 And when they heard this, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.  
 Matt 22:34 But the Pharisees, when they heard that He had muzzled the Sadducees, gathered themselves together.  
 Matt 22:35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,  
 Matt 22:36 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?  
 Matt 22:37 And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."  
 Matt 22:38 This is the great and first commandment.  
 Matt 22:39 And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
 Matt 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.
- F. Christ's experience in being God's delight is signified by the fat of the burnt offering—  
 Lev. 1:8-9; Matt. 3:17; 17:5; Isa. 42:1; Matt. 12:18; John 6:38; 8:29; 7:16-18.  
 Lev 1:8 Then Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar;  
 Lev 1:9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.  
 Matt 3:17 And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight.  
 Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!  
 Isa 42:1 Here is My Servant, whom I uphold, / My chosen One in whom My soul delights; / I have put My Spirit upon Him, / And He will bring forth justice to the nations.  
 Matt 12:18 "Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul has found delight. I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will announce justice to the Gentiles.  
 John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.  
 John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.  
 John 7:16 Jesus therefore answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.  
 John 7:17 If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.  
 John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him.
- G. Christ's experience in the inward parts of His being is signified by the inward parts of the burnt offering—Lev. 1:9; Luke 2:49; John 2:17; Matt. 26:39; Isa. 53:12; 42:4; Mark 2:8.  
 Lev 1:9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.  
 Luke 2:49 And He said to them, Why is it that you were seeking Me? Did you not know that I must be in the things of My Father?  
 John 2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house shall devour Me."

- Matt 26:39 And going forward a little, He fell on His face and prayed, saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.
- Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide to Him a portion with the Great, / And He will divide the spoil with the Strong; / Because He poured out His life unto death / And was numbered with the transgressors, / Yet He alone bore the sin of many / And interceded for the transgressors.
- Isa 42:4 He will not faint, nor will He be discouraged, / Until He has established justice in the earth; / And the coastlands will wait for His instruction.
- Mark 2:8 And immediately Jesus, knowing fully in His spirit that they were reasoning this way within themselves, said to them, Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?
- H. Christ's experience in His walk is signified by the legs of the burnt offering—Lev. 1:9; Luke 24:19; John 8:46; 10:30; 8:29; 16:32; Luke 23:46; John 14:30b.
- Lev 1:9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Luke 24:19 And He said to them, What things? And they said to Him, The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a Prophet powerful in work and word before God and all the people;
- John 8:46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? Since I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?
- John 10:30 I and the Father are one.
- John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.
- John 16:32 Behold, an hour is coming, and has come, that you will be scattered each to his own place and will leave Me alone; yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
- Luke 23:46 And crying with a loud voice, Jesus said, Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit. And saying this, He expired.
- John 14:30b ... for the ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing;
- I. Christ's experience of being kept by the Holy Spirit from defilement is signified by the legs and the inward parts of the burnt offering being washed—Lev. 1:9, 13a; Luke 4:1; Heb. 7:26.
- Lev 1:9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Lev 1:13a But the inward parts and the legs he shall wash with water. ...
- Luke 4:1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, while being tempted for forty days by the devil.
- Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,

**II. The more we enjoy Christ as our burnt offering, the more we realize how sinful we are; then we can take Him as our sin offering more deeply than ever (Lev. 6:25), and this causes us to enjoy Him more as the burnt offering (16:3, 5).**

- Lev 6:25 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered the sin offering shall be slaughtered before Jehovah; it is most holy.
- Lev 16:3 In this way Aaron shall come into the Holy of Holies: with a bull of the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.
- Lev 16:5 And he shall take from the assembly of the children of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

**III. By laying our hands on Christ as our burnt offering, we are joined to Him, and He and we become one—1:4:**

- Lev 1:4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him, to make expiation for him.

- A. In such a union, such an identification, all our weaknesses, defects, and faults are taken on by Him, and all His virtues become ours—2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 2:20.  
 2 Cor 5:21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.  
 Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- B. By such a union, Christ becomes one with us and lives in us, repeating in us the life that He lived on earth, the life of the burnt offering—6:17.  
 Gal 6:17 Henceforth let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of Jesus.

**IV. We need to take Christ as our burnt offering daily (Lev. 1:2-4; 6:12-13; Num. 28:3-4; cf. 2 Tim. 2:6) so that we may experience Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering, not imitating Christ outwardly but living Him in our daily life—2 Cor. 5:14-15; Phil. 1:19-21; Acts 27:22-25; 28:3-9; 1 Cor. 1:9:**

- Lev 1:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When any one of you presents an offering to Jehovah, you shall present your offering from the cattle, of the herd or of the flock.
- Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.
- Lev 1:4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him, to make expiation for him.
- Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
- Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.
- Num 28:4 One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;
- 2 Tim 2:6 The laboring farmer must be the first to partake of the fruit.
- 2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died;
- 2 Cor 5:15 And He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised.
- Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- Acts 27:22 And now I advise you to cheer up, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.
- Acts 27:23 For this very night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood by me,
- Acts 27:24 Saying, Do not fear, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.
- Acts 27:25 Therefore, cheer up, men, for I believe God that it shall be so, even in the way in which it has been spoken to me.
- Acts 28:3 But when Paul had collected a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened onto his hand.
- Acts 28:4 And when the natives saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to one another, Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, whom, though he has been brought safely out of the sea, Justice has not allowed to live.
- Acts 28:5 However he shook off the snake into the fire and suffered no harm;
- Acts 28:6 And they expected that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited for a long time and beheld nothing unusual happening to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.
- Acts 28:7 Now in the vicinity of that place were the lands of the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and gave us hospitality three days in a friendly way.

- Acts 28:8 And the father of Publius was lying down sick with fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him, and having prayed and laid his hands on him, healed him.
- Acts 28:9 And when this happened, the rest also in the island who had sicknesses came to him and were healed.
- 1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- A. We need to experience Christ in His being brought to the slaughter—Phil. 3:10; Gal. 6:17; 1 Cor. 11:1; Acts 21:30-36.
- Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
- Gal 6:17 Henceforth let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of Jesus.
- 1 Cor 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I also am of Christ.
- Acts 21:30 And the whole city was stirred, and the people ran together; and they laid hold of Paul and dragged him outside the temple; and immediately the doors were shut.
- Acts 21:31 And as they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the commander of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion.
- Acts 21:32 And he at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.
- Acts 21:33 Then the commander drew near and laid hold of him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. And he inquired who he might be and what he had done.
- Acts 21:34 And some among the crowd were shouting one thing, and some another. And since he could not find out the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks.
- Acts 21:35 And when Paul came to the stairs, it so happened that he was being carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd;
- Acts 21:36 For the multitude of the people were following and crying out, Away with him!
- B. We need to experience Christ in His being slaughtered—2 Cor. 4:7-13, 16-18.
- 2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.
- 2 Cor 4:8 We are pressed on every side but not constricted; unable to find a way out but not utterly without a way out;
- 2 Cor 4:9 Persecuted but not abandoned; cast down but not destroyed;
- 2 Cor 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
- 2 Cor 4:11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
- 2 Cor 4:12 So then death operates in us, but life in you.
- 2 Cor 4:13 And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,
- 2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.
- 2 Cor 4:17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,
- 2 Cor 4:18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
- C. We need to experience Christ in His being skinned—Acts 24:5-6; 2 Cor. 6:8; 12:15-18; Matt. 5:11.
- Acts 24:5 For we have found this man a pest and an agitator of insurrections among all the Jews throughout the inhabited earth and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes,
- Acts 24:6 Who has also tried to profane the temple. Him also we laid hold of and wanted to judge according to our law,
- 2 Cor 6:8 Through glory and dishonor, through evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true;
- 2 Cor 12:15 But I, I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent on behalf of your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved less?
- 2 Cor 12:16 But let it be so! I did not burden you; but, as some of you say, being crafty, I took you by guile.

- 2 Cor 12:17 Did I take advantage of you through anyone whom I have sent to you?  
 2 Cor 12:18 I entreated Titus and sent with him the brother. Titus did not take advantage of you, did he? Did we not walk in the same spirit? In the same steps?  
 Matt 5:11 Blessed are you when they reproach and persecute you, and while speaking lies, say every evil thing against you because of Me.
- D. We need to experience Christ in His being cut to pieces—1 Cor. 4:12-13.  
 1 Cor 4:12 And we labor, working with our own hands. Reviled we bless; persecuted we endure;  
 1 Cor 4:13 Defamed we exhort. We have become as the offscouring of the world, the scum of all things, until now.
- E. We need to experience Christ in His wisdom—1:24, 30; 2:7; Col. 1:28; 2 Chron. 1:10.  
 1 Cor 1:24 But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
 1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,  
 1 Cor 2:7 But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom which has been hidden, which God predestined before the ages for our glory,  
 Col 1:28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;  
 2 Chron 1:10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?
- F. We need to experience Christ in His being a delight to God—Lev. 1:16b; Psa. 20:3; 2 Cor. 5:9; 1 Thes. 2:4-8; Gal. 1:10; Rom. 14:17-18.  
 Lev 1:16b ... and cast it beside the altar toward the east, in the place of the ashes.  
 Psa 20:3 May He remember all your meal offerings / And accept your burnt offering. Selah.  
 2 Cor 5:9 Therefore also we are determined, whether at home or abroad, to gain the honor of being well pleasing to Him.  
 1 Thes 2:4 But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men but God, who proves our hearts.  
 1 Thes 2:5 For neither were we found at any time with flattering speech, even as you know, nor with a pretext for covetousness; God is witness.  
 1 Thes 2:6 Nor did we seek glory from men, neither from you nor from others, though we could have stood on our authority as apostles of Christ.  
 1 Thes 2:7 But we were gentle in your midst, as a nursing mother would cherish her own children.  
 1 Thes 2:8 Yearning in this way over you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own souls, because you became beloved to us.  
 Gal 1:10 For am I now trying to win the assent of men or of God? Or am I seeking to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a slave of Christ.  
 Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
 Rom 14:18 For he who serves Christ in this is well pleasing to God and approved by men.
- G. We need to experience Christ in the inward parts of His being—Phil. 2:5; 1 Cor. 2:16b; Rom. 8:6; Phil. 1:8; 2 Cor. 11:10; 1 Cor. 16:24.  
 Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,  
 1 Cor 2:16b ... But we have the mind of Christ.  
 Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.  
 Phil 1:8 For God is my witness how I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus.  
 2 Cor 11:10 The truthfulness of Christ is in me, that this boasting shall not be stopped as it regards me in the regions of Achaia.  
 1 Cor 16:24 My love in Christ Jesus be with you all.
- H. We need to experience Christ in His walk—Matt. 11:29; Eph. 4:20; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Pet. 2:21; Rom. 8:4.  
 Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.  
 Eph 4:20 But you did not so learn Christ,  
 1 Cor 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I also am of Christ.  
 1 Pet 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps;



- Rom 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
- I. We need to experience Christ in His being kept by the Holy Spirit from defilement—1 Cor. 6:11; Titus 3:5; John 7:38-39; cf. Dan. 1:8.
- 1 Cor 6:11 And these things were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
- Titus 3:5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,
- John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.
- John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.
- Dan 1:8 But Daniel set his heart not to defile himself with the king's choice provision and with the wine that the king drank, so he requested of the leader of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

**V. The more we take Christ as our burnt offering, the more the outward expression of His beauty is ascribed to us for His magnification (Lev. 7:8; Psa. 90:17; Exo. 28:2; Phil. 1:20), and the more we enjoy Christ as our enveloping power to cover, protect, and preserve us (4:13; 2 Cor. 12:9).**

- Lev 7:8 And the priest who presents anyone's burnt offering, that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has presented.
- Psa 90:17 And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, / And establish the work of our hands upon us; / Indeed the work of our hands, establish it.
- Exo 28:2 And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil 4:13 I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me.
- 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

**VI. We need to worship the Father with Christ as the burnt offering for God's satisfaction—Lev. 1:3, 9b; Num. 28:2-3; John 4:23-24:**

- Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.
- Lev 1:9b ... Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Num 28:2 Command the children of Israel and say to them, My offering, My food for My offerings by fire of a satisfying fragrance to Me, you shall be careful to present to Me at its appointed time.
- Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.
- John 4:23 But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him.
- John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.
- A. God wants us to worship Him with Christ as the reality of the offerings; the offerings are for pleasing God and making Him happy—vv. 23-24; cf. Heb. 10:5-10.
- John 4:23 But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him.
- John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.
- Heb 10:5 Therefore, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.
- Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not delight.
- Heb 10:7 Then I said, Behold, I have come (in the roll of the book it is written concerning Me) to do Your will, O God."

- Heb 10:8      Saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not desire nor delight in" (which are offered according to the law),
- Heb 10:9      He then has said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first that He may establish the second,
- Heb 10:10     By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- B. God is hungry and needs food; the offerings are God's food—Num. 28:2-3:
- Num 28:2      Command the children of Israel and say to them, My offering, My food for My offerings by fire of a satisfying fragrance to Me, you shall be careful to present to Me at its appointed time.
- Num 28:3      And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire which you shall present to Jehovah: two male lambs a year old without blemish each day as a continual burnt offering.
1. One of the main purposes of the offerings is that they are food for God.
  2. The burnt offering is God's food so that He may enjoy it and be satisfied, and only He is allowed to eat it—Lev. 1:9b.
- Lev 1:9b      ... Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- C. The burnt offering is for God's satisfaction to fulfill His desire—Num. 28:2:
- Num 28:2      Command the children of Israel and say to them, My offering, My food for My offerings by fire of a satisfying fragrance to Me, you shall be careful to present to Me at its appointed time.
1. The burnt offering denotes Christ's being absolute for God's satisfaction—John 6:38.
 

John 6:38     For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
  2. Proper worship is a matter of satisfying God with Christ as the burnt offering—1 Pet. 2:5; John 4:34; 5:30; 8:29.
 

1 Pet 2:5      You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

John 4:34     Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.

John 5:30     I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 8:29     And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.
  3. The Hebrew word translated "burnt offering" denotes something that is ascending; this ascending refers to Christ—Lev. 1:3, 10, 14:
 

Lev 1:3        If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.

Lev 1:10      And if his offering is from the flock, of the sheep or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall present it, a male without blemish.

Lev 1:14      And if his offering to Jehovah is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall present his offering of turtledoves or of young pigeons.

    - a. The only thing that can ascend to God from earth is the life lived by Christ, for He is the unique person to live a life that is absolutely for God—John 6:38.
 

John 6:38     For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
    - b. As the burnt offering, Christ is absolutely for living a life that can satisfy God in full—8:29:
 

John 8:29     And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.

      - 1) By laying our hands on Christ as our burnt offering, we are joined to Him—Lev. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:17.
 

Lev 1:4        And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him, to make expiation for him.

- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
- 2) As Christ lives in us, He repeats in us the life He lived on earth, the life of the burnt offering—Gal. 2:20.
- Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
4. The Hebrew words translated “satisfying fragrance” literally mean “savor of rest or satisfaction,” that is, a savor giving satisfaction to God—Lev. 1:9:
- Lev 1:9 But its inward parts and its legs he shall wash with water. Then the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt offering, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- a. A satisfying fragrance is a savor that brings satisfaction, peace, and rest; such a satisfying fragrance is an enjoyment to God.
- b. When we worship the Father with Christ as the reality of the burnt offering, a fragrance well pleasing to God will ascend to Him for His satisfaction—John 4:23-24.
- John 4:23 But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him.
- John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.
- c. Since God is satisfied, He will render His sweet acceptance to us; this is the significance of the burnt offering.

## **VII. We are being reduced to ashes to become the New Jerusalem for God’s expression—Lev. 1:16; 6:10-11; Psa. 20:3; 1 Cor. 3:12a; Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10-11, 18-21:**

- Lev 1:16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar toward the east, in the place of the ashes.
- Lev 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen trousers he shall put on his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.
- Lev 6:11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.
- Psa 20:3 May He remember all your meal offerings / And accept your burnt offering. Selah.
- 1 Cor 3:12a But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, ...
- Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
- Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.
- Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
- Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
- Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
- Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
- A. The burnt offering indicates that we have a heart that is absolute for God in this age—Rom. 12:1-2.
- Rom 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your

- bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- B. The ashes signify Christ reduced to nothing—Mark 9:12; Isa. 53:3:
- Mark 9:12 And He said to them, Elijah does indeed come first and restore all things. And how is it that it is written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be counted as nothing?
- Isa 53:3 He was despised and forsaken of men, / A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; / And like one from whom men hide their faces, / He was despised; and we did not esteem Him.
1. The Lord's desire is that all the believers in Christ be reduced to ashes.
  2. Since we are one with the Christ who has been reduced to ashes, we also are reduced to ashes, that is, reduced to nothing, to zero—1 Cor. 1:28; 2 Cor. 12:11.
 

1 Cor 1:28 And the lowborn things of the world and the despised things God has chosen, things which are not, that He might bring to nought the things which are,

2 Cor 12:11 I have become foolish; you yourselves have compelled me. For it is I who should have been commended by you; for in nothing am I inferior to the super-apostles, even though I am nothing.
  3. The more we are identified with Christ in His death, the more we will realize that we have become a heap of ashes.
  4. When we become ashes, we are no longer a natural person; instead, we are a person who has been crucified, terminated, burned—Gal. 2:20a.
 

Gal 2:20a I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; ...
- C. The ashes are a sign of God's acceptance of the burnt offering—Psa. 20:3:
- Psa 20:3 May He remember all your meal offerings / And accept your burnt offering. Selah.
1. For God to accept the burnt offering is for Him to turn it to ashes.
  2. For God to accept the burnt offering also means that He accepts it as fat, something that is sweet and pleasing to Him.
- D. Putting the ashes at the east side of the altar, the side of the sunrise, is an allusion to resurrection—Lev. 1:16; John 11:25; Phil. 3:10-11; 2 Cor. 1:9:
- Lev 1:16 And he shall take away its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar toward the east, in the place of the ashes.
- John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;
- Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
- Phil 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.
- 2 Cor 1:9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;
1. With Christ as the burnt offering, the ashes are not the end—they are the beginning—Mark 9:31.
 

Mark 9:31 For He was teaching His disciples. And He said to them, The Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, after three days He will rise.
  2. The ashes mean that Christ has been put to death, but the east signifies resurrection.
  3. The more we are reduced to ashes in Christ, the more we will be put to the east, and on the east we will have the assurance that the sun will rise and that we will experience the sunrise of resurrection—Phil. 3:10-11.
 

Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phil 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.
- E. Eventually, the ashes will become the New Jerusalem—Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10:
- Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by

no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

1. Christ's death brings us to an end; that is, it reduces us to ashes.
2. Christ's death brings in resurrection, and in resurrection the ashes become precious materials for God's building—1 Cor. 3:9b, 12a.

1 Cor 3:9b ...you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

1 Cor 3:12a But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, ...

3. When we are reduced to ashes, we are brought into the transformation of the Triune God—Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:18.

Rom 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

4. The precious materials for the building of the New Jerusalem come from the transformation of the ashes—Rev. 21:18-21.

Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

- F. The result of our being a burnt offering will be something that carries out God's economy—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 3:9; 1:10.

1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Eph 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;