

Message Six

The Revelation, Appreciation, and Application of Christ as Our Sin Offering

Scripture Reading: Lev. 4:1-35; 6:25-27; John 1:29; 3:14;
Rom. 8:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 1:5-9

- Lev 4:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 4:2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If anyone sins without intent, in any of the things which Jehovah has commanded not to be done, and does any one of them,
- Lev 4:3 If the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him present a bull of the herd without blemish to Jehovah for a sin offering for his sin that he committed.
- Lev 4:4 And he shall bring the bull to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before Jehovah, and he shall lay his hand on the head of the bull and slaughter the bull before Jehovah.
- Lev 4:5 And the anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull and bring it into the Tent of Meeting,
- Lev 4:6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before Jehovah in front of the veil of the sanctuary.
- Lev 4:7 And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before Jehovah, which is in the Tent of Meeting; and all the rest of the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- Lev 4:8 And all the fat of the bull of the sin offering he shall take off from it: the fat that covers the inward parts and all the fat that is upon the inward parts,
- Lev 4:9 And the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the appendage upon the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys,
- Lev 4:10 As it is taken off from the ox of the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering.
- Lev 4:11 And the skin of the bull and all its flesh with its head and with its legs, and the rest of its inward parts and its dung,
- Lev 4:12 That is, all the rest of the bull he shall bring out to a clean place outside the camp, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.
- Lev 4:13 Now if the whole assembly of Israel errs, and the matter escapes the notice of the congregation, and they have done any of the things which Jehovah commanded not to be done and become guilty,
- Lev 4:14 And when the sin which they have committed becomes known, the congregation shall present a bull of the herd for a sin offering and bring it before the Tent of Meeting.
- Lev 4:15 And the elders of the assembly shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before Jehovah, and one shall slaughter the bull before Jehovah.
- Lev 4:16 And the anointed priest shall bring some of the blood of the bull to the Tent of Meeting,
- Lev 4:17 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before Jehovah in front of the veil.
- Lev 4:18 And some of the blood he shall put upon the horns of the altar which is before Jehovah, that is, in the Tent of Meeting; and all the rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- Lev 4:19 And all its fat he shall take off from it and burn it on the altar.
- Lev 4:20 Thus shall he do with the bull; just as he did with the bull of the sin offering, so shall he do with this. And the priest shall make expiation for them, and they will be forgiven.
- Lev 4:21 And he shall bring the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull; it is the sin offering for the congregation.
- Lev 4:22 When a ruler sins and does without intent any one of all the things which Jehovah his God has commanded not to be done and becomes guilty,
- Lev 4:23 If his sin in which he has sinned is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a male goat, without blemish.
- Lev 4:24 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and slaughter it in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering before Jehovah; it is a sin offering.
- Lev 4:25 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

- Lev 4:26 And all its fat he shall burn on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall make expiation for him on account of his sin, and he will be forgiven.
- Lev 4:27 And if any one of the common people sins without intent by doing any of the things which Jehovah has commanded not to be done and becomes guilty,
- Lev 4:28 If his sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a female goat, without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.
- Lev 4:29 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.
- Lev 4:30 And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.
- Lev 4:31 And all its fat he shall remove, just as the fat is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah. And the priest shall make expiation for him, and he will be forgiven.
- Lev 4:32 And if he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring it, a female without blemish.
- Lev 4:33 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it for a sin offering in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering.
- Lev 4:34 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.
- Lev 4:35 And all its fat he shall remove, just as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar upon Jehovah's offerings by fire. And the priest shall make expiation for him concerning his sin that he has committed, and he will be forgiven.
- 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 6:26 The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the Tent of Meeting.
- Lev 6:27 Whatever touches its flesh shall be holy. And when any of its blood splashes on a garment, you shall wash whatever was splashed in a holy place.
- John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- 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.
- 1 John 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- 1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;
- 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
- 1 John 1:8 If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I. *Sin* refers to the indwelling sin in our nature (Rom. 8:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:26); *sins* refers to the sinful deeds, the fruit of the indwelling sin (Isa. 53:5a; 1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 2:24; Heb. 9:28):

- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- 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.
- Heb 9:26 Since then He would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world. But now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested for the putting away of sin through the sacrifice of Himself.
- Isa 53:5a But He was wounded because of our transgressions; / He was crushed because of our iniquities; ...

- 1 Cor 15:3 For I delivered to you, first of all, that which also I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;
- 1 Pet 2:24 Who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed.
- Heb 9:28 So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time to those who eagerly await Him, apart from sin, unto salvation.
- A. Satan, the devil, is the source of sin—Ezek. 28:16-17; John 8:44; cf. 2 Cor. 12:7; 1 Pet. 5:8, 5; Phil. 2:8; John 14:30:
- Ezek 28:16 By the abundance of your trading they filled your midst with violence, and you sinned. So I cast you out as profane from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- Ezek 28:17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness. I cast you to the ground; I presented you before kings that they may look at you.
- John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks it out of his own possessions; for he is a liar and the father of it.
- 2 Cor 12:7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.
- 1 Pet 5:8 Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking someone to devour.
- 1 Pet 5:5 In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- 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.
- John 14:30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing;
1. Through man's fall Satan's personality became one with man's soul, and Satan was taken into man's body to be sin working as evil in man's fleshly members—Gen. 3:1, 4-5; Rom. 5:12, 19a; 7:18a, 14b, 17, 20-21.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other animal of the field that Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, Did God really say, You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die!

Gen 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil.

Rom 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned-

Rom 5:19a For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were constituted sinners, ...

Rom 7:18a For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; ...

Rom 7:14b ... but I am fleshy, sold under sin.

Rom 7:17 Now then it is no longer I that work it out, but sin that dwells in me.

Rom 7:20 But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.

Rom 7:21 I find then the law with me who wills to do the good, that is, the evil is present with me.
 2. Because the devil is the father of sinners, the father of liars, the sinners are children of the devil—John 8:44; 1 John 3:10.

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks it out of his own possessions; for he is a liar and the father of it.

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest. Everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, neither he who does not love his brother.

3. We were brought forth in iniquity, conceived in sin in Adam, and born with the poison of the serpent, making us serpents, the brood of vipers—Psa. 51:5; John 9:34; Matt. 23:33; 3:7.
- Psa 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, / And in sin did my mother conceive me.
 John 9:34 They answered and said to him, You were wholly born in sins, and you are teaching us? And they cast him out.
 Matt 23:33 Serpents! Brood of vipers! How shall you escape the judgment of Gehenna?
 Matt 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Offspring of vipers, who prompted you to flee from the coming wrath?
- B. Sin is the evil nature of Satan, the evil one, who, having injected himself into man through Adam’s fall, has now become the very sinful nature dwelling, acting, and working as a law in fallen man—Rom. 5:12, 21; 6:14; 7:11, 17, 20.
- Rom 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned-
 Rom 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Rom 6:14 For sin will not lord it over you, for you are not under the law but under grace.
 Rom 7:11 For sin, seizing the opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.
 Rom 7:17 Now then it is no longer I that work it out, but sin that dwells in me.
 Rom 7:20 But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.
- C. Sin is lawlessness—1 John 3:4; 2 Thes. 2:3, 7-8.
- 1 John 3:4 Everyone who practices sin practices lawlessness also, and sin is lawlessness.
 2 Thes 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,
 2 Thes 2:7 For it is the mystery of lawlessness that is now operating, but only until the one now restraining goes out of the way.
 2 Thes 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus will slay by the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of His coming),

II. The sinning without intent (Lev. 4:2) signifies the sin in our fallen nature, the indwelling sin that came through Adam into mankind from Satan (Rom. 5:12), which causes us to sin unintentionally (7:19-20):

- Lev 4:2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If anyone sins without intent, in any of the things which Jehovah has commanded not to be done, and does any one of them,
 Rom 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned-
 Rom 7:19 For I do not do the good which I will; but the evil which I do not will, this I practice.
 Rom 7:20 But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.
- A. This sin, personified in Romans 7 (see footnote 1 on verse 8), is the evil nature of Satan, even Satan himself, who dwells in our fallen flesh (vv. 17-18a, 20, 23); since our flesh is one with sin (8:3), whatever we do out of our flesh, whether good or evil, is sin.
- Rom 7 be omitted.
 Rom 7:8 But ¹sin, seizing the opportunity through the commandment, worked out in me coveting of every kind; for without the law sin is dead.
 note 1 This chapter, especially in this verse and in vv. 11, 17, 20, indicates that sin is a person, the embodiment of Satan, and is living and acting within us.
 Rom 7:17 Now then it is no longer I that work it out, but sin that dwells in me.
 Rom 7:18a For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; ...
 Rom 7:20 But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.
 Rom 7:23 But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members.
 Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

- B. Moreover, since the flesh denotes a fallen person (Gen. 6:3; Rom. 3:20), every fallen person is sin (2 Cor. 5:21 and footnote 2).

Gen 6:3 And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years.

Rom 3:20 Because out of the works of the law no flesh shall be justified before Him; for through the law is the clear knowledge of sin.

2 Cor 5:21 Him who did not know sin He made ²sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

note 2 Sin came from Satan, who rebelled against God (Isa. 14:12-14). This sin, which came out of the evil one, entered into man (Rom. 5:12) and made man not only a sinner but sin itself under God's judgment Hence, when Christ became a man in the flesh (John 1:14), He was made sin (not sinful) on our behalf to be judged by God (Rom. 8:3) that we might become God's righteousness in Him.

III. The sin offering (Lev. 4:1-35) signifies that Christ was made sin for us in order that through His death on the cross sin might be condemned (vv. 1-3, 13-14, 22-23, 27-28; Rom. 8:3):

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Lev 4:6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before Jehovah in front of the veil of the sanctuary.
Lev 4:7 And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before Jehovah, which is in the Tent of Meeting; and all the rest of the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
Lev 4:8 And all the fat of the bull of the sin offering he shall take off from it: the fat that covers the inward parts and all the fat that is upon the inward parts,
Lev 4:9 And the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the appendage upon the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys,
Lev 4:10 As it is taken off from the ox of the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering.
Lev 4:11 And the skin of the bull and all its flesh with its head and with its legs, and the rest of its inward parts and its dung,
Lev 4:12 That is, all the rest of the bull he shall bring out to a clean place outside the camp, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.
Lev 4:13 Now if the whole assembly of Israel errs, and the matter escapes the notice of the congregation, and they have done any of the things which Jehovah commanded not to be done and become guilty,
Lev 4:14 And when the sin which they have committed becomes known, the congregation shall present a bull of the herd for a sin offering and bring it before the Tent of Meeting.
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Lev 4:17 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before Jehovah in front of the veil.
Lev 4:18 And some of the blood he shall put upon the horns of the altar which is before Jehovah, that is, in the Tent of Meeting; and all the rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
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- Lev 4:23 If his sin in which he has sinned is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a male goat, without blemish.
- Lev 4:24 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and slaughter it in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering before Jehovah; it is a sin offering.
- Lev 4:25 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering.
- Lev 4:26 And all its fat he shall burn on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall make expiation for him on account of his sin, and he will be forgiven.
- Lev 4:27 And if any one of the common people sins without intent by doing any of the things which Jehovah has commanded not to be done and becomes guilty,
- Lev 4:28 If his sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a female goat, without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.
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- Lev 4:31 And all its fat he shall remove, just as the fat is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah. And the priest shall make expiation for him, and he will be forgiven.
- Lev 4:32 And if he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring it, a female without blemish.
- Lev 4:33 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it for a sin offering in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering.
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- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- A. Through incarnation the Word, who is God, became flesh, in the likeness of the flesh of sin, the likeness of a fallen man—John 1:1, 14; Rom. 8:3:
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
1. Although Christ was a fallen man only in likeness, when He was on the cross, God counted that likeness as real—2 Cor. 5:21.

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.
 2. Since sin, the old man, Satan, the world, and the ruler of the world are all one with the flesh, when Christ died in the flesh, sin was condemned (Rom. 8:3), the old man was crucified (6:6), Satan was destroyed (Heb. 2:14), the world was judged, and the ruler of the world was cast out (John 12:31).

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- Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
- Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,
- John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.
3. Hence, through Christ's death in the flesh all negative things were dealt with; this is the efficacy of the sin offering—1:29.
- John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- B. Satan's evil nature in man's flesh was judged on the cross through the death of Christ in the form of a serpent so that the believers may have eternal life—3:14-16; 1:14; Rom. 8:3.
- John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- John 3:15 That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- C. As the One who did not know sin, Christ was made sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him—2 Cor. 5:21.
- 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.

IV. After our regeneration we still need to take Christ as our sin offering (1 John 1:8; Exo. 29:35-36) and as our trespass offering (1 John 1:9) every day:

- 1 John 1:8 If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- Exo 29:35 And thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons according to all that I have commanded you; you shall consecrate them seven days.
- Exo 29:36 And each day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for expiation, and you shall cleanse the altar when you make expiation for it; and you shall anoint it to sanctify it.
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- A. Laying hands on the head of the offering signifies the union of the offerer with the offering—Lev. 4:4, 15, 24, 29, 33.
- Lev 4:4 And he shall bring the bull to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before Jehovah, and he shall lay his hand on the head of the bull and slaughter the bull before Jehovah.
- Lev 4:15 And the elders of the assembly shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before Jehovah, and one shall slaughter the bull before Jehovah.
- Lev 4:24 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and slaughter it in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering before Jehovah; it is a sin offering.
- Lev 4:29 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.
- Lev 4:33 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it for a sin offering in the place where they slaughter the burnt offering.
- B. Taking Christ as our sin offering means that sin in the nature of fallen man is condemned (Rom. 8:3), that our old man is dealt with (6:6), that Satan as sin itself is destroyed (Heb. 2:14), that the world is judged, and that the ruler of the world is cast out (John 12:31):
- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

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- John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.
1. The word *ruler* in *the ruler of this world* implies authority or power and the struggle for power—Luke 4:5-8; cf. Matt. 20:20-21, 24; 3 John 9.
 - Luke 4:5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth in a moment of time.
 - Luke 4:6 And the devil said to Him, To You I will give all this authority and their glory, because to me it has been delivered, and to whomever I want I give it.
 - Luke 4:7 If You therefore worship before me, it shall all be Yours.
 - Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said to him, It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."
 - Matt 20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, worshipping and asking something of Him.
 - Matt 20:21 And He said to her, What do you want? She said to Him, Say that these two sons of mine will sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your kingdom.
 - Matt 20:24 And when the ten heard this, they were indignant concerning the two brothers.
 - 3 John 9 I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not receive us.
 2. The struggle for power is the result, the issue, of the flesh, sin, the old man, Satan, the world, and the ruler of the world—Gal. 5:16-17, 24-26.
 - Gal 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
 - Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.
 - Gal 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.
 - Gal 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
 - Gal 5:26 Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another.
 3. Sin involves a power struggle, and the law of sin is the spontaneous power, strength, and energy to struggle with God—Rom. 7:23; 8:2.
 - Rom 7:23 But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members.
 - Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.
- C. Through our genuine, intimate, living, and loving fellowship with God, who is light (1 John 1:5; Col. 1:12), we will realize that we are sinful, and we will take Christ as our sin offering (1 John 1:5-9):
- 1 John 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
 - Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
 - 1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;
 - 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
 - 1 John 1:8 If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 - 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1. The more we love the Lord and enjoy Him, the more we will know how evil we are—Isa. 6:5; Luke 5:8; Rom. 7:18.
 - Isa 6:5 Then I said, Woe is me, for I am finished! / For I am a man of unclean lips, / And in the midst of a people of unclean lips I dwell; / Yet my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts.
 - Luke 5:8 And when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart

- from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord.
- Rom 7:18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not.
2. Realizing that we have a sinful nature and taking Christ as our sin offering causes us to be judged and subdued, and it preserves us, for it causes us not to have any confidence in ourselves—Phil. 3:3; cf. Exo. 4:6.
- Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
- Exo 4:6 And Jehovah further said to him, Now put your hand into your bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, there his hand was, leprous as white as snow.
3. We should learn from David's experience not to have the slightest confidence in ourselves—Psa. 51.
- Psa 51:1 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; / According to the greatness of Your compassions blot out my transgressions.
- Psa 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, / And from my sin cleanse me.
- Psa 51:3 For I do know my transgressions, / And my sin is before me continually.
- Psa 51:4 Against You and You alone have I sinned, / And I have done what is evil in Your sight. / Therefore You are righteous when You speak; / You are clear when You judge.
- Psa 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, / And in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Psa 51:6 Behold, You delight in truth in the inward parts; / And in the hidden part You would make known wisdom to me.
- Psa 51:7 Purge my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean; / Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- Psa 51:8 Let me hear gladness and joy, / That the bones which You have broken may exult.
- Psa 51:9 Hide Your face from my sins, / And blot out all my iniquities.
- Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, / And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- Psa 51:11 Do not cast me from Your presence, / And do not take the Spirit of Your holiness away from me.
- Psa 51:12 Restore to me the gladness of Your salvation, / And sustain me with a willing spirit.
- Psa 51:13 I will teach transgressors Your ways, / And sinners will turn back to You.
- Psa 51:14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation; / And my tongue will ring forth Your righteousness.
- Psa 51:15 O Lord, open my lips, / And my mouth will declare Your praise.
- Psa 51:16 For You do not delight in sacrifice; / Otherwise I would offer it; / You take no pleasure in burnt offerings.
- Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; / A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
- Psa 51:18 Do good in Your good pleasure unto Zion; / Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- Psa 51:19 Then You will delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, / In burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; / Then they will offer bulls upon Your altar.
4. God uses the painful method of allowing us to fail so that we will see how horrible, ugly, and abominable we are and so that we will forsake all that is from the self and depend completely on God—cf. Lev. 6:28; Deut. 8:2; Luke 22:31-32; Rom. 8:28.
- Lev 6:28 But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken; and if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, it shall be scoured and rinsed in water.
- Deut 8:2 And you shall remember all the way that Jehovah your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you and test you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.
- Luke 22:31 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked to have you all to sift you as wheat.
- Luke 22:32 But I have made petition concerning you that your faith would not fail; and you, once you have turned again, establish your brothers.
- Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

D. When we enjoy Christ as our burnt offering, the One who is absolutely for God, we realize how sinful we are, and we can enjoy Christ as our sin offering—Lev. 6:25-27:

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 6:26 The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the Tent of Meeting.

Lev 6:27 Whatever touches its flesh shall be holy. And when any of its blood splashes on a garment, you shall wash whatever was splashed in a holy place.

1. Man, created by God for the purpose of expressing and representing God, should be for nothing other than God and should be absolutely for God—Gen. 1:26; Isa. 43:7.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Isa 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name, / Whom I have created, formed, and even made for My glory.

2. Anything we do out of ourselves, whether good or evil, is for ourselves, and since it is for ourselves and not for God, it is sinful in the eyes of God:

a. If our serving the Lord is for ourselves, this is sin—Num. 18:1; 2 Kings 5:20-27; Matt. 7:22-23.

Num 18:1 Then Jehovah said to Aaron, You and your sons and your father's household with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 Kings 5:20 Gehazi, the attendant of Elisha the man of God said, Now my master has spared Naaman this Syrian by not receiving from his hand that which he brought. As Jehovah lives, I will run after him and take something from him.

2 Kings 5:21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he alighted from the chariot to meet him and said, Is all well?

2 Kings 5:22 And he said, All is well. My master has sent me, saying, Now at this moment two young men from among the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim; please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothes.

2 Kings 5:23 And Naaman said, Please take two talents. And he urged him and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothes, and gave them to two of his attendants; and they carried them before him.

2 Kings 5:24 And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and deposited them in the house. And he sent the men away, and they departed.

2 Kings 5:25 And he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where have you come from, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant has not gone anywhere.

2 Kings 5:26 And he said to him, Did not my heart go with you when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive silver and to receive clothing and olive groves and vineyards and sheep and oxen and male servants and female servants?

2 Kings 5:27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you and to your seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

Matt 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, was it not in Your name that we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power?

Matt 7:23 And then I will declare to them: I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.

b. If we preach ourselves, this is sin—2 Cor. 4:5.

2 Cor 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

- c. If we do our righteous deeds, such as giving alms, praying, and fasting, for ourselves to express and display ourselves, this is sin—Matt. 6:1-6.
 - Matt 6:1 But take care not to do your righteousness before men in order to be gazed at by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in the heavens.
 - Matt 6:2 Therefore when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward in full.
 - Matt 6:3 But you, when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
 - Matt 6:4 So that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
 - Matt 6:5 And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners, so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward in full.
 - Matt 6:6 But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
- d. If we love others for ourselves—for our name, position, benefit, and pride—this is sin—Luke 14:12-14.
 - Luke 14:12 And He said also to the one who had invited Him, When you make a morning meal or a dinner, do not call your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and it become a repayment to you.
 - Luke 14:13 But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,
 - Luke 14:14 And you will be blessed, because they do not have anything with which to repay you; for it will be repaid to you in the resurrection of the righteous.
- e. If we raise up our children for ourselves and our future, this is sin—cf. 1 Cor. 7:14.
 - 1 Cor 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the brother; otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

V. The blood of the sin offering had four kinds of effects:

- A. Some of the blood was brought into the Tent of Meeting and sprinkled seven times before Jehovah in front of the veil of the Holy of Holies (Lev. 4:5-6, 16-17), signifying that the blood of Christ has been brought into the Holy of Holies in the heavens for our redemption (Heb. 9:12).
 - Lev 4:5 And the anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull and bring it into the Tent of Meeting,
 - Lev 4:6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before Jehovah in front of the veil of the sanctuary.
 - Lev 4:16 And the anointed priest shall bring some of the blood of the bull to the Tent of Meeting,
 - Lev 4:17 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before Jehovah in front of the veil.
 - Heb 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.
- B. Some of the blood was put on the horns of the incense altar (Lev. 4:7a, 18a), signifying that the redemption by Christ's blood is effective for us to be brought into the presence of God through contacting God in prayer (Heb. 10:19).
 - Lev 4:7a And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before Jehovah, which is in the Tent of Meeting; ...

- Lev 4:18a And some of the blood he shall put upon the horns of the altar which is before Jehovah, that is, in the Tent of Meeting; ...
- Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,
- C. Some of the blood was put on the horns of the altar of burnt offering (Lev. 4:25a, 30a, 34a), signifying that the blood of Christ is effective for our redemption (Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).
- Lev 4:25a And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; ...
- Lev 4:30a And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, ...
- Lev 4:34a And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, ...
- Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace,
- 1 Pet 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,
- 1 Pet 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;
- D. The rest of the blood was poured out at the base of the altar of burnt offering (Lev. 4:7b, 18b, 25b, 30b, 34b), signifying that the blood of Christ was poured out at the cross for the peace in our conscience, assuring us that we are redeemed and accepted by God (Heb. 9:14).
- Lev 4:7b ... and all the rest of the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- Lev 4:18b ... and all the rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- Lev 4:25b ... and the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering.
- Lev 4:30b ... and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.
- Lev 4:34b ... and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.
- Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

VI. As a result of Christ being our sin offering and condemning sin in the flesh, it is possible for us to walk not according to the flesh but according to the spirit—Rom. 8:3-4.

- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- 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.