

## Message Nine

### Appreciating Christ as the Reality of the Trespass Offering

Scripture Reading: John 1:29; 1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 3:18; 2:24;

1 John 2:2; 4:10; Gal. 1:4; Matt. 26:28; Heb. 1:3; 10:12

- 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!
- 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 3:18 For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the spirit;
- 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.
- 1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for those of the whole world.
- 1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.
- Gal 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father,
- Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- Heb 10:12 But this One, having offered one sacrifice for sins, sat down forever on the right hand of God,

#### I. “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”—John 1:29:

- A. Christ died on the cross as the Lamb of God to deal with sin and sins and to take away sin from the human race.
- B. Christ as the Lamb of God fulfilled the requirements of God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory—Gen. 3:24; Rom. 2:5; Heb. 12:29; 9:5.
- Gen 3:24 So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.
- Rom 2:5 But, according to your hardness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
- Heb 12:29 For our God is also a consuming fire.
- Heb 9:5 And above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the expiation cover, concerning which it is not now the time to speak in detail.
- C. Christ as the redeeming Lamb was foreknown before the foundation of the world, that is, before the creation of the universe, but was manifested for our sake—1 Pet. 1:20.
- 1 Pet 1:20 Who was foreknown before the foundation of the world but has been manifested in the last of times for your sake,
- D. Christ is “the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world,” from the time creation came into existence—Rev. 13:8.
- Rev 13:8 And all those dwelling on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name is not written in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world.

#### II. As the reality of the trespass offering, “Christ died for our sins”—1 Cor. 15:3:

- 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;
- A. The first thing Paul delivered to the saints in the gospel was that Christ died for our sins—v. 3.
- 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;

- B. The word *for* indicates that Christ died a vicarious death:
1. We needed Him to die as our Substitute.
  2. As our Savior, He represented us to die for our sins in order to accomplish redemption—Matt. 1:21; Luke 2:11; Acts 13:23; 1 Tim. 1:15; Titus 2:14.
- Matt 1:21     And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.
- Luke 2:11     Because today a Savior has been born to you in David's city, who is Christ the Lord.
- Acts 13:23    From this man's seed, God, according to promise, brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,
- 1 Tim 1:15    Faithful is the word and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.
- Titus 2:14    Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all lawlessness and purify to Himself a particular people as His unique possession, zealous of good works.

**III. As the reality of the trespass offering, “Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous,” that He might bring us to God—1 Pet. 3:18:**

- 1 Pet 3:18     For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the spirit;
- A. *Sins* here refers to the sins we commit in our outward conduct—Heb. 9:28.  
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.
  - B. *On behalf of* indicates that Christ's death was for redemption, not for martyrdom.
  - C. Christ, the righteous One, was judged on behalf of us, the unrighteous, by the righteous God so that He might remove the barrier of our sins and bring us to God.
  - D. Christ redeemed us from our sins back to God, from our unrighteous manner of life back to the righteous God.

**IV. As the reality of the trespass offering, Christ “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”—1 Pet. 2:24:**

- 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.
- A. According to Isaiah 53:6, when Christ was on the cross, God took all our sins and put them upon the Lamb of God:  
Isa 53:6     We all like sheep have gone astray; / Each of us has turned to his own way, / And Jehovah has caused the iniquity of us all / To fall on Him.
    1. Hebrews 9:28 says that Christ has been “offered once to bear the sins of many.”  
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.
    2. Christ died once to bear our sins, and He suffered the judgment for us on the cross—Isa. 53:5, 11.  
Isa 53:5     But He was wounded because of our transgressions; / He was crushed because of our iniquities; / The chastening for our peace was upon Him, / And by His stripes we have been healed.  
Isa 53:11    He will see the fruit of the travail of His soul, / And He will be satisfied; / By the knowledge of Him, the righteous One, My Servant, will make the / many righteous, / And He will bear their iniquities.
  - B. When the Lord offered up Himself as a sacrifice on the cross, He bore up our sins in His body on the cross, the true altar for propitiation—Heb. 7:27.  
Heb 7:27     Who does not have daily need, as the high priests do, to offer up sacrifices first for his own sins and then for those of the people; for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

- C. In the death of Christ, we died to sins so that we might live to righteousness; this living to righteousness is in the resurrection of Christ—1 Pet. 2:24; Rom. 6:8, 10-11, 18; Eph. 2:6; John 14:19; 2 Tim. 2:11:
- 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.
- Rom 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him,
- Rom 6:10 For the death which He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life which He lives, He lives to God.
- Rom 6:11 So also you, reckon yourselves to be dead to sin, but living to God in Christ Jesus.
- Rom 6:18 And having been freed from sin, you were enslaved to righteousness.
- Eph 2:6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,
- John 14:19 Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live.
- 2 Tim 2:11 Faithful is the word: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;
1. Righteousness is a matter of God's government—Psa. 89:14.  
Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; / Lovingkindness and truth go before Your face.
  2. We were saved so that we might live rightly under the government of God, that is, in a way that matches the righteous requirement of His government.
- D. "By whose bruise you were healed"—1 Pet. 2:24b:
1. On the one hand, Christ's bruise that heals us keeps us away from sins by His death.
  2. On the other hand, this healing enlivens us so that we may live to righteousness.

**V. As the reality of the trespass offering, Christ "Himself is the propitiation for our sins"—1 John 2:2:**

- 1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for those of the whole world.
- A. "Herein is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins"—4:10.
- B. The Lord Jesus is the propitiatory sacrifice for our sins:
1. Christ offered Himself to God as a sacrifice for our sins not only for our redemption but also for God's satisfaction—Heb. 9:28.  
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.
  2. Through Christ's vicarious death and in Him as our Substitute, God is satisfied and appeased; hence, Christ is the propitiation between God and us.
- C. Hebrews 2:17 reveals that Christ has made propitiation for our sins:
- Heb 2:17 Hence He should have been made like His brothers in all things that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
1. The Lord Jesus made propitiation for our sins to reconcile us to God by satisfying God's righteous demands on us.
  2. Through His work on the cross Christ made propitiation for our sins; this means that He appeased God for us.
  3. By appeasing God's righteousness and all His requirements on us, Christ has settled every problem between us and God.

**VI. As the reality of the trespass offering, Christ "gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father"—Gal. 1:4:**

- A. Although Christ was crucified for our sins, the goal of His crucifixion was to rescue us out of the present evil age:

1. An age is a part of the world as the satanic system.
  2. An age refers to a section, an aspect, the present or modern appearance, of the system of Satan, which is used by him to usurp and occupy people and to keep them away from God and His purpose.
  3. The present age is the present section of Satan's cosmos, his world system—1 John 2:15.  
1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
  4. Whereas sins are devilish, the present age is satanic—Rom. 12:2.  
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. Apart from the crucifixion of Christ, we have no way to deal with sins, behind which the devil hides, or the evil age, behind which Satan hides—Gal. 1:4:  
Gal 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father,
1. Christ was crucified for our sins so that we might be delivered from the present evil age.
  2. If we would be delivered from the present evil age, sins must be dealt with.
- C. According to the context of the book of Galatians, the present evil age in 1:4 refers to the religious world, the religious course of the world:  
Gal 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father,
1. This is confirmed by 6:14-15, where circumcision is considered part of the world—the religious world to which Paul was crucified.  
Gal 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.  
Gal 6:15 For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters.
  2. Christ gave Himself for our sins for the purpose of rescuing us out of religion, the present evil age; this principle is the same with the believers in Paul's time and with us today.

**VII. As the reality of the trespass offering, the Lord Jesus said, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins”—Matt. 26:28:**

- A. The Lord's blood was required by God's righteousness for the forgiveness of sins.
  - B. Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins—Heb. 9:22.  
Heb 9:22 And almost all things are purified by blood according to the law, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
  - C. The Lord's blood was poured out for the forgiveness of sins, and the new covenant has been enacted through His blood—Luke 22:20:  
Luke 22:20 And similarly the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood, which is being poured out for you.
1. The blood of the Lord Jesus has made a complete redemption for us so that all our sins may be forgiven.
  2. His blood satisfied God's righteousness and redeemed us from our fallen condition back to God and to God's blessing.
  3. In His death on the cross as the trespass offering, Christ poured out His blood so that the new covenant may be enacted and the believers' sins may be forgiven—Matt. 26:28.  
Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

4. “The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin,” and God is “faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”—1 John 1:7, 9.
  - 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 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **VIII. As the reality of the trespass offering, Christ, “having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high”—Heb. 1:3:**

- Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- A. “This One, having offered one sacrifice for sins, sat down forever on the right hand of God”—10:12:
    1. Christ has put away sins by offering Himself to God as the sacrifice for sin.
    2. His sitting down forever at the right hand of God is a sign and proof that the taking away of sins has been accomplished—v. 12.
      - Heb 10:12 But this One, having offered one sacrifice for sins, sat down forever on the right hand of God,
  - B. Christ has made “purification of sins”—1:3:
    - Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
    - 1. In verse 3 *purification* indicates that our sins have been washed away.
    - 2. Christ accomplished purification of sins once for all; He shed His blood once and accomplished an eternal cleansing.
    - 3. According to the typology in Leviticus 16, the Lord Jesus brought His own blood into the Holy of Holies in the heavens and sprinkled it before God in order to make propitiation for our sins so that we might be cleansed and “from all...sins...be clean” before God—v. 30; Heb. 12:22, 24.
      - Lev 16 be omitted.
      - Lev 16:30 For on this day expiation shall be made for you, in order to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before Jehovah.
      - Heb 12:22 But you have come forward to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem; and to myriads of angels, to the universal gathering;
      - Heb 12:24 And to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant; and to the blood of sprinkling, which speaks something better than that of Abel.
  - C. Because Christ offered Himself to God through the eternal Spirit, His offering of Himself was once for all, and the redemption accomplished through His death is eternal, having an eternal effect—7:27; 9:12, 14.
    - Heb 7:27 Who does not have daily need, as the high priests do, to offer up sacrifices first for his own sins and then for those of the people; for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.
    - 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.
    - 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?