

Theme: The sacrificial system finds its focus and fulfillment in Christ, the true Lamb of God, Who cleanses our sin and enables us to offer spiritual sacrifices to God.

I. Intro – Christ the Priest and Lamb

- A. Earlier in series saw Christ as Priest
- B. John said Christ was the Lamb
- C. What did John mean by this?
- D. What is meaning of sacrificial system?
- E. How is it fulfilled in Christ and applied to us?

II. Lamb of God Who Takes Away Sin

- A. The Lamb of God
 - 1. Referring to sacrificial system as a whole
 - a. Daily sacrifice in Temple (Ex 29:38) – priest's son
 - b. Passover Lamb – Ex 12:5-8 – could be other animals
 - c. Prophetic lamb – Isaiah 53:4-7, 10
 - 2. Jesus – the true Lamb of God
- B. Who Takes Away Sin
 - 1. This Lamb takes away sin
 - a. Key issue in sacrificial system – atonement
 - b. Blood and forgiveness – Lev 17:11; Heb 9:22

- c. Jesus is One who truly removes sin
 - 2. Jesus - focus & fulfillment of sacrificial system
 - a. Whole system fulfilled in Christ!
 - b. He is the Lamb; He takes away sin

III. The Sacrificial Ritual & Christ

- A. The sacrificial ritual
 - 1. A perfect lamb (Lev 1:3; 22:19)
 - 2. Place hands on animal to transfer sin (Lev 1:4)
 - 3. The animal is slain to bear punishment (Lev 16:7-9, 15)
 - 4. Scapegoat sent away to take away sin (Lev 16:7-10, 20-22)
- B. Fulfillment in Christ
 - 1. Jesus is the perfect Lamb (1 Peter 1:18-19)
 - 2. Our sin was placed on Christ (2 Cor 5:21)
 - 3. Jesus bore our punishment (Rom 3:25-26; Is 53:5)
 - 4. Jesus took our sins away (Jn 1:29; Is 53:6)
 - 5. Jesus truly dealt with sin (Heb 10:3-4; 11-12)

IV. The Sacrificial System Today

- A. Christ fulfilled this system once and for all

1. It is finished!
 2. Any further sacrifices an ABOMINATION
- B. He has atoned for your sin!
1. Your sin transferred to Him
 2. Your sin punished in Him
 3. Your sin carried away in Him
 4. You are free!
- C. Through Him we offer sacrifices to God
1. We are priests, offering through Christ (1 Pet 2:5)
 2. Sacrifice of praise (Heb 13:15)
 3. Sacrifice of giving (Phil 4:18)
 4. Sacrifice of life (Romans 12:1)

Christ and the Sacrificial Aspect of the Law

John 1:29

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Communion (Play Vicit Agnus Noster)

Hebrews 13:20-21

³⁸ "This is what you are to offer on the altar regularly each day: two lambs a year old. Exodus 29:38

⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from **the sheep or the goats**.⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Exodus 12:5-8

⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.⁶ We all, like **sheep**, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; **he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth....**¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a **guilt offering**, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. Isaiah 53:4-7,10

²² In fact, **the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.** Hebrews 9:22

³ "If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he is to offer **a male without defect**. He must present it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD. Leviticus 1:3

¹⁹ you must present **a male without defect** from the cattle, sheep or goats **in order that it may be accepted on your behalf.** Leviticus 22:19

⁴ He is **to lay his hand on the head** of the burnt offering, and **it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.** Leviticus 1:4

⁷ Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.⁸ He is to cast lots for the two goats-- one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat.⁹ Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the LORD and **sacrifice it for a sin offering...**¹⁵ "He shall then slaughter **the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood** behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull's blood: He shall **sprinkle it on the atonement cover** and in front of it. Lev 16:7-9, 15

⁷ Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.⁸ He is to cast lots for the two goats-- one lot for the LORD and the **other for the scapegoat**.⁹ Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the LORD and sacrifice it for a sin offering.¹⁰ But the **goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD to be used for making atonement by sending it into the desert as a scapegoat.** Leviticus 16:7-10

²⁰ "When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall **bring forward the live goat**.²¹ **He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites-- all their sins-- and put them on the goat's head.** He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task.²² **The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert.** Leviticus 16:20-22

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that **you were redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers,¹⁹ **but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.** 1 Peter 1:18-19

²¹ **God made him who had no sin to be sin for us**, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

²⁵ God presented him as a **sacrifice of atonement**, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his **justice**, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his **justice** at the present time, so as to be **just** and the one who **justifies** those who have faith in Jesus. Romans 3:25-26

But he was **pierced** for our transgressions, he was **crushed** for our iniquities; the **punishment** that brought us peace was upon him, and by his **wounds** we are healed. Is 53:5

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the **LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.** Isaiah 53:6

³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins,⁴ **because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins....**¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the **same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.**¹² But when this priest had offered **for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down** at the right hand of God. Hebrews 10:3-4, 11-12

⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be **a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.** 1 Peter 2:5

¹⁵ **Through Jesus**, therefore, let us continually offer to **God a sacrifice of praise-- the fruit of lips that confess his name.** Hebrews 13:15

¹⁸ I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus **the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.** Philippians 4:18

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1

