

Sacrifice of the Son (4)

Crucifixion (part 1)

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Introduction

- Jesus came to offer His body and shed His blood so that our sins could be forgiven (Heb. 10:10-17)
 - Something planned before time began
 - Fulfilled by the Son
 - Revealed by the Spirit
- Our eternal hope rests on the reality of the death, burial, resurrection of Christ
 - We believe it happened
 - We understand why it happened
 - We love and serve God because it happened

Jesus Was Crucified (Matt. 27:33, 34; Jn. 19:17, 18)

- Offered wine mingled with gall (Mt. 27:33, 34)
 - Narcotic
 - Refused
- Between two criminals (Mk. 15:27, 28)
 - Humiliation
 - Fulfilled prophecy (Isa. 53:12)
- Nailed to the cross (Jn. 19:17, 18)
 - Gruesome form of capital punishment (cf. John 20:25, 27)
 - Medical description from CBN.com
 - Victims of crucifixion lingered for days, one account said 9 days

“Father, forgive them” (Lk. 23:34)

- First words out of His mouth on the cross
 - Savior
 - Intercessor
- Not unconditional forgiveness
 - Guilty of killing Christ (Acts 2:23; 3:13-15)
 - Conditions (Acts 2:36-38; 3:19)
 - Statement is an appeal to open a door – providence – for these people to be forgiven
- Can any sin be worse than killing God’s Son?
 - Forgiveness possible for them – realized for them
 - Forgiveness is possible for anything we’ve done

Jesus Was Treated With Contempt While Suffering On The Cross

- Title (Jn. 19:19-22)
 - Reason for conviction; crime
 - Jews wanted it reworded
 - Pilate refused
- His earthly possessions were divided (Jn. 19:23, 24)
 - Soldiers dividing His garments
 - Fulfilled prophecy (Psa. 22:18)
 - Not one jot or tittle left unfulfilled
- Ridiculed by men
 - People, rulers, thieves (Mt. 27:39-44)
 - Soldiers (Lk. 23:36, 37)
 - Had the ability to come down
 - Had power to destroy & cast into hell
 - Suffer the taunts
 - To submit to the Father
 - To ensure the salvation of our souls

“Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise” (Lk. 23:39-43)

- One criminal still blasphemed Jesus
 - Suffering did not bring humility or soberness of thought
- The other thief changed his attitude and opinion
- Jesus promised him paradise
 - Described as Abraham’s bosom in Luke 16
 - Hades: place of rest
 - Immediate after death
- How was this thief saved?
 - Not by faith alone (Jas. 2:24, 26)
 - Faith not developed on the cross
 - No teaching done (cf. Rom. 10:17)
 - No miracle (cf. Mk. 16:20)
 - On cross, Jesus seemed to be rejected of God
 - Originally reviled Jesus (Mk. 15:32)
 - Faith had to be based on prior experience & exposure to truth
 - John taught many (Matt. 3:5, 6)
 - Jesus taught many (Jn. 4:1, 2; cf. Jn. 6:66).
 - Seventy sent out (Lk. 10:1)
 - Jesus’ power to forgive on earth (Mk. 2:1-12)
 - New Covenant not in effect (Heb. 9:16, 17)
- However you look at it, the thief on the cross is not the pattern for salvation in the gospel age – this side of the cross.

Conclusion

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