

6-5-2022 Weekly Messages

Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Sermon Title: **Christ died for our sins “according to the scriptures” and rose on the third day “according to the scriptures”**

Apostle Paul delivered the most important message to the Corinthians. It is also the message about the gospel of Christ to all people in the world. He testified that they were saved only by holding fast to this gospel and not believing in vain. This gospel is the gospel of Christ, which gives salvation to all who believe.

This is a very important message that we may believe in vain not to be saved if we do not understand what the word “according to the scriptures” means. Even in the words of Jesus to his disciples after his resurrection, it is possible to realize what “according to the scriptures” means:

“These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:” (Luke 24:44-46).

Jesus was saying, according to the scriptures, that He must die for our sins and rise "on the third day". Not only that, but before his death, Jesus also made some meaningful words to the Jews who did not believe in him:

“ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. 41 I receive not honour from men. 42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.” (John 5:39-42).

Not only that, he spoke very terrifying words to the Jews who did not believe in him because they did not search the scriptures. These words were also a warning to all people in the world who do not believe in themselves. This means that all who do not believe in him shall receive the coming Antichrist as the Messiah:

“ I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.” (John 5:43).

The word "**according to the scriptures**" means that Jesus, the Christ, died for our sins, as prophesied through the Old Testament. Then, by examining the prophecies of Christ who died for our sins in the Old Testament, we can understand its meaning.

The prophets Isaiah and Moses prophesied in detail about Christ who died for our sins.

The prophet Isaiah foretold:

“ Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

” (Isaiah 53:1-10).

He prophesied that Christ became a sin offering for all of us. Moses testified in detail about the five sacrifices through Leviticus. Among them, he testified in detail about the sin offering. When we realize what a sin offering is, we can realize the indescribable grace that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us. Through Leviticus 4, Moses testified that the

Lord Jesus Christ bore all the sins we committed, our lies, fornications, and all the sins we committed in body and mind.

" And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: 3 If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering. 4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. 5 And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: 6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary. 7 And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 8 And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away, 10 As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering. 11 And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung, 12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.
” (Leviticus 4:1-12).

Not only that, he commanded that the whole congregation of Israel must offer a sin offering even when they sinned, and also offered a sin offering to forgive sins when a ruler did something that was not supposed to be done through ignorance and when some of the common people sinned. could get it

Jesus Christ was given to the world by God his Father as a sin offering to atone for the sins of all people in the world. When Jesus was crucified and cried out to God the Father, it was a cry to the Father, who gave himself as a sin offering for the people of the world:

" And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46).

Apostle Paul testified, by the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:10). He also testified, for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified (Hebrews 10:14). For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins (Hebrews 10:4), but the blood of Christ has the power to purge our conscience from dead work to serve the living God (Hebrews 9:14).

Jesus was buried and rose on the third day “according to the scriptures”. If we search the Old Testament, there are references to "the third day". It is neither the second day nor the fourth day, but we need to understand why Apostle Paul and Jesus said “the third day”.

God told Moses about the third day:

" And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, 11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai." (Exodus 19:10- 11)

The prophet Hosea also prophesied about the third day: **"I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight."** (Hos. 5:15-6:2)

On the third day, Jesus went to a wedding in Cana and performed the first miracle of turning water into wine. When Mary said that she was short of wine, Jesus said, **" Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."** (John 2:4).

The third day in the Bible refers to the third millennium spiritually. Two thousand years from the time of Jesus' coming, that is, two days later, there will be a rapture and on the third day there will be a wedding in heaven, and at the coming of the third millennium there will be a manifestation of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, which is the time. Six days later, Jesus showed his glorious appearance on the Mount of Transfiguration with his disciples, showing the scene of his glorious establishment of the kingdom on the seventh day after the sixth day from Adam, that is, on the third day after he had accomplished salvation. He showed them beforehand (Matthew 17:1). amen! Hallelujah!