

7-14-2014 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Leviticus 3:1-17

Title: **Christ Jesus shed His sinless blood to reconcile the whole world to God**

Christ Jesus, who suffered all kinds of hardships like fiery ovens and shriveled up to barbecues on iron plates through meat offering, became the propitiatory sacrifice of Christ, the only sinless God in heaven and on earth, so that all the people of the world who believed in Him could be reconciled to God by shedding His blood.

God, who saw the people of the whole world living in sin, death, and curse even on those who did not commit sins like Adam's transgression from Adam to Moses, and had pity on those who were created in His image and likeness, knowing that His only begotten Son would become a man and have no hope unless His blood was shed, wanted His only begotten Son to become a man and shed blood like a cow, like a sheep, and like a goat, so that He might be reconciled to Himself.

The Apostle Paul spoke of this love of God, saying, "**6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**"(Romans 5:6-8)

The only way for all who were born into the world as sinners because of Adam's sin to be reconciled to God is to receive the Holy Spirit and establish the kingdom of God in themselves by believing in and receiving Christ Jesus. John the Baptist said: "**Behold**

the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world!(John 1:29)

The Apostle Paul said to the Hebrews, "**12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**"(Hebrews 9:12-14)

The Apostle Paul also testified of the sin-taking away blood of Christ:

3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;"(Hebrews 10:3-8)

Christ Jesus, who was born into the world, spoke Himself of being the propitiation for the whole world in order to reconcile Himself to God:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.(John 3:16)

Concerning the man who believed in his only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, and received the forgiveness of sins and received the Holy Spirit, Paul testified:

"5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.³ And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope:⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."(Romans 5:1-5)

Jesus said, "**And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."** (Mark 12:31) means that whoever believes in himself and is reconciled to God through the blood of Christ should preach the gospel to others so that they may be reconciled to God through faith in Christ Jesus and have their sins forgiven.

The Apostle Paul testified of this:

"¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself,

not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."(II Corinthians 5:18-21)

Yes! By believing in the blood of Christ Jesus, we are reconciled to God, an everlasting peace that the world has never known. In other words, Christians who are living in "shalom" will have the glory of being praised at Christ's judgment seat as a propitiatory sacrifice when they take up their cross and follow the Lord, denying themselves in the midst of Christ's fiery and iron-like sufferings. The Apostle Paul testified of Christ's judgment seat:

"⁸ We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.⁹ Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."(II Corinthians 5:8-10)

Christ Jesus Himself said of this:

"¹² And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Revelation 22:12-13).

Amen! Hallelujah!