

XVII. Of The Payment for Sin

I believe that the iniquity, transgression, and sin of the individual must be reconciled to enable that individual to be without guilt before the LORD God. Man, whether it is of himself and/or any of his efforts, cannot effect this payment to the satisfaction of the debt he owes the LORD God. I believe the satisfaction of this debt was accomplished through the mediatorial office of the Son of God. The Word, by the appointment of the Father and the Holy Ghost, freely took upon Himself the office of the Son, and was appointed Christ. In this office, He took upon Himself the nature of man, yet without sin. In the accomplishment of this office, He came as a man, born of a virgin, and lived among men, fulfilling the express will of the Father in every detail of His life, even to His sacrificial death on the cross.

Because the Lord Jesus Christ honored the word of the Father in every respect, He, by His death, made a full and vicarious atonement for our transgressions and sins. This was not to set an example by being a martyr, but was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the individual sinner's place; the just dying for the unjust. Thus, the Lord Jesus Christ bore our iniquities, transgressions, and sins in both soul and body on the cross and finished the work of atonement demanded by the righteous judgment of the LORD God. Accordingly, Christ rose from the grave the third day by the power of God, as was promised in the Scriptures. As such, the LORD God, through the atonement of Christ, elects by grace to salvation, everyone who believes the Gospel in faith and repentance.

I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, being the propitiation for the transgressions and sins of every man, calls every person to repent and freely come to Him, believing in the truth of the Gospel as the work of Christ and Christ alone. I believe the LORD God offers this salvation freely to all. Thus, nothing prevents the salvation of the worst sinner on

earth but his own inherent depravity and willful rejection of the mercy and grace of God. Due to this, whosoever rejects the gospel is involved in an aggravated condemnation, as the wrath of God abides on him.

References

Hebrews 9:22; Exodus 21:23-25; II Corinthians 5:14-15; Micah 6:6-8; Psalm 49:6-9; Jeremiah 13:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Revelation 20:12-13; Romans 4:4-8; Romans 3:25-26; Hebrews 2:14-17; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 48:16; John 1:14; Hebrews 4:14-15; Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 40:6-10; I Timothy 2:5-6; John 10:17-18; Romans 4:23-25; Hebrews 9:11-15; Isaiah 53:4-6; Isaiah 53:10-11; Isaiah 53:12; I John 2:1-2; Hebrews 1:1-3; I Peter 3:18; I John 4:10; I Peter 2:24; I Corinthians 15:3-6; Acts 17:29-31; I Timothy 2:3-4; Isaiah 55:1-3; Isaiah 55:6-7; Job 33:23-30; John 3:14-16; I Timothy 1:12-15; John 3:18-19; John 3:36; Revelation 22:17.

Scriptures:

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. (*Hebrews 9:22*)

And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. (*Exodus 21:23-25*)

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. (*II Corinthians 5:14-15*)

Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, *and* bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? (*Micah 6:6-8*)

They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) That he should still live for ever, *and* not see corruption. (*Psalms 49:6-9*)

Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. (*Jeremiah 13:23*)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. (*Revelation 20:12-13*)

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, *Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. (*Romans 4:4-8*)

. . .Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through

faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (*Romans 3:25-26*)

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on *him the nature of angels*; but he took on *him the seed of Abraham*. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his brethren*, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining to God*, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. (*Hebrews 2:14-17*)

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is to be ruler in Israel*; whose goings forth *have been from of old, from everlasting*. (*Micah 5:2*)

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am I*: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. (*Isaiah 48:16*)

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (*John 1:14*)

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (*John 5:24*)

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our*

profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (*Hebrews 4:14-15*)

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation. (*Psalms 40:6-10*)

For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (*I Timothy 2:5-6*)

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. (*John 10:17-18*)

Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. (*Romans 4:23-25*)

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 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*. 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: 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? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. (*Hebrews 9:11-15*)

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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. 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. (*Isaiah 53:4-7*)

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. He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. (*Isaiah 53:10-11*)

Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (*Isaiah 53:12*)

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world*. (*I John 2:1-2*)

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his Son*, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of *his glory*, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;. . . (*Hebrews 1:1-3*)

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:. . . (*I Peter 3:18*)

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. (*I John 4:10*)

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. (*I Peter 2:24*)

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain

unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. (*I Corinthians 15:3-6*)

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead. (*Acts 17:29-31*)

For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (*I Timothy 2:3-4*)

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David. (*Isaiah 55:1-3*)

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (*Isaiah 55:6-7*)

If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom. His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth: He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and

he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness. He looketh upon men, and *if any* say, I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not; He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these *things* worketh God oftentimes with man, To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living. (*Job 33:23-30*)

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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 3:14-16*)

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. (*I Timothy 1:12-15*)

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (*John 3:18-19*)

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (*John 3:36*)

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

(Revelation 22:17)