

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

JESUS CHRIST: THE LAMB OF GOD

Scripture Reading:

“²⁹The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. ³⁰This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. ³¹And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. ³²And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. ³³And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. ³⁴And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God” (John 1:28-34).

Introduction:

A. On the second day of the week (“The next day” – v. 29), the Apostle John recorded that John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him and referred to Jesus as “The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (v. 29), also **again** the next day, John the Baptist referred to Jesus as “The Lamb of God” (vv. 35-36).

B. In the Old Testament, the lamb was a sacrificial animal among the Jews. The slaying of a lamb and the sprinkling of its blood served as a sacrifice. These lambs were brought by men to men. But here is God’s Lamb, given by God to man. Those lambs could not take away sin (Heb 10:4), but the Lamb of God can take away sin. Those lambs were for Israel alone, but the Lamb of God shed His blood for the whole world.

C. The lambs were sacrificed “day by day continually ... the one ... in the morning; and the other ... at even” (Exod 29:38-39). This speaks of continuous substitution. The blood was shed every day, twice a day, for the sins of Israel. Christ died once for all sin (Rom 6:9-10). The sins of the people were placed on the lambs. The sins of Believers are placed on Christ. Christ is the Believers substitute for sin.

I. Jesus is the Sinless Lamb (1 Peter 1:9)

A. The Blood of Jesus is “Precious”

Precious – of great value, very costly

1. Jesus died for our sin

2. Jesus redeemed us from the bondage of Satan and sin

3. Jesus died to give us eternal life.

B. Christ the Lamb, without Blemish or Spot

○ Christ is absolutely perfect, inwardly, and outwardly.

C. “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” (2 Cor 5:21).

Jesus is the remedy and cure for sin. “Sin for us who knew no sin.” Christ once for all, has been a sacrifice for sin. He instead of the sinner died for sin. Jesus alone can deliver and purify those who are polluted by sin.

D. “Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth” (1 Pet 2:22)

- Jesus’ speech was never tainted by deceit – He never lied or even shaded the truth.

E. “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin”

(1 John 3:5).

II. Jesus is the Separated Lamb (Heb 7:26)

Jesus is the High Priest with a perfect life

A. Jesus is “Holy” – set apart and separated to God

He is perfectly and eternally set apart from evilness, immorality, and lawless behavior.

B. Jesus is “Harmless” – blameless, free from all deception, envy, and malice against anyone.

- Jesus never hurt any man” – William Barclay

C. Jesus is “Undefiled” – unstained by sin

He was completely free from anything that would keep Him from approaching God.

D. Jesus is “Separate from Sinners” – He never sinned or gave in to sin. He did not yield to a single act of temptation.

- (Isa 53:9; Luke 23:41; John 8:46)
- Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin; each vict’ry will help you some others to win; fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue; look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through. Ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen, and keep you; He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.

III. Jesus is the Substituted Lamb (Heb 9:12)

Man is imperfect and sinful. Man is guilty of disobeying and rebelling against God.

Therefore, he must pay the penalty for his sins (Eternal Damnation) or else accept a substitution for his sin (Jesus – Eternal Life).

- “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23).

A. Jesus did not sacrifice the blood of animals for the sins of man.

Jesus sacrificed His own blood for the sins of man. Jesus bore the guilt for the sins of man.

B. Jesus entered into the Holy of Holies of Heaven itself

He had to enter only once. The earthly high priests had to make continued sacrifices, but Jesus had to make only one sacrifice. Jesus only shed His blood once for the sins of the world.

C. Jesus obtained eternal redemption for us

Christ made it possible for us to escape sin, death, and condemnation (John 5:24; Rom 8:34). He gave His life for us.

IV. Jesus is the Sufficient Lamb (Heb 10:12)

Jesus satisfied the perfect obedience and penalty for sin required by God's justice. As sinless man, Jesus could stand in our place as our substitute, as God, He could pay our infinite sin debt in full.

- (John 14:6; Gal 1:4; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Titus 2:14)

V. Jesus is the Saving Lamb (Heb 7:25)

Jesus is able to save all people to the "uttermost." Uttermost means to be saved completely, perfectly, finally and for eternity. It means that Jesus presents us to God as perfect and righteous.

A. Jesus saves us to live with God eternally (John 3:16; Rom 8:39).

B. Jesus saves us to be the citizens of the New Heaven and New Earth (2 Pet 3:10-13; Rev 21:1).

Challenge:

Make it a priority to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with someone each and every day – Jesus is coming back, and it could be today.

Conclusion:

A. Jesus Christ is the Sinless, Separated, Substituted, Sufficient and Saving Lamb of God.

B. "None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good" – Charles Spurgeon

C. Jesus Christ saves only those who come to God by Him

Come to Jesus

Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now

Just now come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now

He will save you; He will save you; He will save you just now

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Memory Verse:

"¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸He 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" (John 3:17-18).

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).