

Schedule

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THE STORIES TO BE TOLD

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PUTTING IT TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH

12. Preaching and other benefits 11-29-15

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Sunday School: Biblical Theology

Week 10: The Story of the Sacrifice

INTRODUCTION

What did Christ's sacrifice accomplish? What was he doing on the cross?

STORY OF SACRIFICE

- 1) Cain and Abel: an offering, a gift, a tribute. (Genesis 4:3-5)
- 2) Noah: a gift that has an effect on God. (Genesis 8:21)
- 3) Abraham: a test of devotion and a substitute. (Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:17-19)
- 4) Passover: for a representative firstborn, a spotless lamb, and a set apart people. (Exodus 12:5, 12-13, 23-27)
- 5) The repeated sacrifices of **Leviticus**:
 - Clean animals without defect.
 - Every first-born Israelite, who represents the nation as whole, must be redeemed with a sacrificial substitute.
 - The shedding of a blameless victim's blood. (Lev 17:11)
 - Substitution: "He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf..." (Lev. 1:4)
 - Endless repetition.
 - The Day of Atonement: to make atonement for sins.
- 6) **Christ**: Christ fulfilled everything the OT sacrifices meant, and accomplished what they were unable to do.

PATTERNS IN THE STORYLINE

1) The first pattern to notice is the pattern itself—the pattern or typology of sacrifice.

2) Discontinuity

- No longer endless repetition
- Not just for one nation

3) Promise/fulfillment.

What's the purpose in pointing out these patterns? They are instrumental in helping us to understand who Jesus is, what his sacrifice accomplished, and why we need his sacrifice.

SYSTEMATIZING IT ALL

1) The fundamental problem with the world and humanity is our sin and the guilt it incurs.

- Romans 6:23

2) Christ came to die as a substitute.

- e.g., ram instead of Isaac, Passover

3) Christ came to die as a penal substitute.

4) Christ came to die as a penal substitute to propitiate the wrath of God.

- Isaiah 53:4-6

- Romans 3:21-25

- John 10:11-12

* Note: Do not mistake God's wrath. God is truly happy (to know him is fullest joy! Ps 16:11), but we are naturally part of that happiness (Eph 2:3).

5) Christ came to die as a penal substitute to propitiate the wrath of God and make atonement for his people.

- e.g., "a pleasing aroma" (Genesis 8:21; Leviticus)

- Romans 3:25

6) Christ came to die as an effective penal substitute to propitiate the wrath of God and make atonement for his people.

7) We're saved by faith alone.

- Hebrews 7:27; 9:12; 9:26

- Hebrews 10:1-4, 10

8) We're saved by faith alone in Christ alone.

CONCLUSION—ONE MORE SACRIFICE?

- Romans 12:1-2

- Matthew 16:24-27