

Lesson Notes:

Why Christ Died for our Sins

Prior to the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus; the Jewish people practiced animal sacrifice in an effort to cover their sins. It was not until the sacrifice of Christ that our sins were fully paid for. Below are scriptural passages which assure the atoning sacrifice is the final sacrifice needed to pay for our sins and the benefits we receive as believers of his Holy word.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **From the beginning God required animal sacrifice to cover sin** - In **Genesis 3:21** God provided animal skins to cover Adam and Eve's original sin.
- 2) **Mosaic Law required animal sacrifice to cover sin.** - Jesus tells his disciples in **Matthew 5:17** that he has come as the fulfillment of mosaic law.
- 3) **Animal sacrifice only covered sin, it never washed it away.** – In **Hebrews 10:4** we are told that animal sacrifice never took away sin it only covered sin. **Hebrews 10:10** tells us that we are sanctified by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ once and for all.
- 4) **Jesus humbled himself and died on the cross for our sins** – Paul tells us this in **Philippians 2:8**. Christ told Nicodemus the reason for his death in **John 3:16-17**.
- 5) **Jesus' sacrifice is the propitiation for all sin** - John tells us in **1 John 2:2** that Jesus has paid for all sin.

Benefits of Jesus' sacrifice include:

- 6) **Direct access to our creator through worship and prayer** – We see in **Matthew 27:50** that the veil separating God and man in the temple was torn in half upon Jesus' death. Jesus' death on the cross bridged the gap between God and mankind.
- 7) **The righteousness that we obtain through Jesus enables us to become worthy of receiving rewards in heaven** – In **Revelation 22:12** Jesus tells John that he comes quickly to give every man and woman their reward in heaven.

Jesus' sacrifice and death frees us from sin and enables us to live a life pleasing to the Lord.