

The Complete and Perfect Sacrifice of the Christ

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Thesis: to bring out and show the perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the cross

Introduction:

- I. Perfection of the sacrifice is seen in Isaiah 53
 - 1. Five stanzas depicting five different aspects of the saving work of Christ – coincides to the five offerings under the Levitical law

Sacrifice Under the Old Law:

Levitical Offerings				
Burnt Offering	Meal Offering	Peace Offering	Sin Offering	Trespass Offering
Lev 1:3-17; 6:8-13	Lev 2:1-16; 6:14-18; 7:12-13	Lev 3:1-17; 7:11-21, 28-34	Lev 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30	Lev 5:14-6:7; 7:1-7
Complete Dedication	Perfection, no impurities	Fellowship with God	Sin covered by blood – Judgment is made	Retribution – Repayment for sin
Voluntary			Compulsory	

- I. Burnt Offering (Whole offering) (**Lev 1**)
 - 1. Whole animal was burnt on the altar
 - 2. Perhaps the most solemn of the sacrifices, and symbolized worship in the full sense:
 - 1. Adoration
 - 2. Devotion
 - 3. Dedication
 - 4. Supplication
 - 5. Expiation – “covering of sin” (**Lev 1:4**)
 - 3. The aroma from the offering would be a “pleasing aroma to the Lord” (**Lev 1:13**)
- II. Meal Offering (**Lev 2**)
 - 1. No corrupting element (leaven) could be added to the meal offering (**Lev 2:4-5; 6:16-17**)
 - 2. Priest ate this offering
- III. Peace Offering (**Lev 3**)
 - 1. Symbolized fellowship with God
 - 2. NOTE: The worshiper partook in the eating of the sacrifice – the only one in which the worshiper is allowed to do so
- IV. Sin Offering (**Lev 4**)

1. Depicted sin covered by blood, removed and judged
2. Essentially expiatory, intended to restore covenant relations with God.
3. The special features were:
 1. The blood must be sprinkled before the sanctuary, put upon the horns of the altar of incense and poured out at the base of the altar of burnt offering;
 2. The flesh was holy, not to be touched by worshiper, but eaten by the priest only. The special ritual of the Day of Atonement centers around the sin offering.
 3. The body was burned outside the camp

V. Trespass Offering (**Lev 5**)

1. Also called “Guilt Offering” Required payment of a penalty
2. Focused on retribution
3. Restitution was made with this sacrifice plus 1/5 (**6:4-6**)

Five Aspects of the Saving Work of the Christ:

Typology of the Offerings				
Consecration Offering			Cleansing Offerings	
Focus: The Value of Christ's Sacrifice			Focus: The Virtue of Christ's Sacrifice	
Burnt Offering	Meal Offering	Peace Offering	Sin Offering	Trespass Offering
His Perfect Commitment	His Perfect Character	His Perfect Communion	His Perfect Atonement	His Perfect Payment

- I. (**Isaiah 52:13-15**) “¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.”
 1. Wholehearted Sacrifice = Burn Offering
 2. Christ's perfect commitment and submission to God's will
 1. Followed through God's will – laid down His own
 1. (**Luke 22:42**) “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”
 3. (**Phil 2:5-11**) “⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is

Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

4. Just as the burnt offering, because of the wholeheartedness of the sacrifice, Christ sacrifice became a sweet aroma to God

1. **(Eph 5:2)** “And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

II. **(Isaiah 53:1-3)** “¹ Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

1. Perfect Character = Meal Offering

2. There was no spot or imperfection in the character of Christ

1. **(Heb 4:15)** “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

2. **(Heb 7:26)** “For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.”

3. **(Heb 9:14)** “How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

4. **(1 John 3:5)** “You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.”

3. Presents of oil is symbolic of His anointment – He is the Christ

1. **(Luke 4:18-19)** “¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

2. Anointed to be Prophet, Priest, and King

III. **(Isaiah 53:4-6)** “⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

1. Brought atonement that issues in peace with God = Peace Offering

1. **(Rom 5:1)** “Therefore, since we have **been justified by faith**, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1. By faith – Through the Gospel – Good news of this sacrifice we have peace with God

2. Peace = Reconciliation

1. **(Col 1:20)** “¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making **peace** by the **blood of his cross**.”

3. Reconciliation between Jew and Gentile, us to God

1. **(Eph 2:13-17)** “¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.”

4. The worshiper would eat of this offering – we too become partakers of the inheritance of God because of this peace offering

IV. **(Isaiah 53:7-9)** “⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.”

1. Paid for the transgression of the people = Sin Offering

2. Christ is called the Christian's sin offering:

1. **(2 Cor 5:21)** “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2. **(1 Pet 2:24)** “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

3. His sacrifice was also done outside the camp

1. **(Heb 13:11-13)** “¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.”

V. **(Isaiah 53:10-12)** “¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

1. Died for the effects of sin = Trespass Offering

2. Christ gave his life as a ransom **(Matt 20:28)** “It is finished!” meant it's paid in full!

1. “It is Finished” – Gk “**τετελεσται**” – “To end, ie. complete, execute, conclude, discharge (a debt)”

2. When a merchant was paid by a customer, he would use the word, “**τετελεσται**” which meant, “Debt Paid in Full!”

3. With one word Jesus sums up the whole of God's plan of salvation for me and you!

3. **(Col 2:13-14)** “¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

Application and Conclusion:

- I. Christ gave the perfection sacrifice – we can lay our hand upon Christ and claim this sacrifice as our sacrifice
- II. We can die to sin and partake of the Sacrifice's spotless perfection:
 1. Like the priest of Old partook and ate the meal offering, which symbolized perfection, we, as priests of God, can also partake and eat of this bread!
 1. **(John 6:51, 58)** “⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh ... ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”
 2. He gave His body as the perfect sacrifice for our sins, if we partake of this “bread” we will live forever
- III. Our Sacrifices Today
 1. We can not take away sin through sacrifice, but because of this sacrifice for our sins – we can offer acceptable “Living Sacrifices”
 1. **(Rom 12:1)** “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”
 2. Perfection sacrifices
 1. Take up your cross and follow me
 2. **(Rom 12:2)** “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
 1. Don't allow the leaven of this world get mixed into your character
 3. **(Heb 13:15)** “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
 1. A lifetime of gain is not the meaning of life
 1. **(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)** “¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”
 4. **(Eph 5:1-2)** “¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that

is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”

3. Wholeheartedness

1. Complete love and dedication to God

1. **(John 14:15)** “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

2. Complete Worship

1. Not only in action, not only in spirit

2. **(John 4:23-24)** “²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

4. Praise sacrifices

1. You have peace with God now! Offer up your sacrifices of praise

2. **(Heb 13:15)** “Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.”

1. Teach others of your salvation

2. What God really done for us

3. Do good to one another and all mankind

1. **(Heb 13:16)** “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

2. **(Gal 6:10)** So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

IV. If you haven't taken hold of this Sacrifice:

1. Know that there's no sacrifice that you can offer that will get you out of your sins!

1. You can't do enough “good” to be saved on your own merit

2. **(Rom 5:8)** “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

2. You can be forgiven forever of your past sins by attaining this great sacrifice

1. You do that through the gospel

1. **(Rom 1:16-17)** “¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, The righteous shall live by faith.”

2. Be obedient to the Gospel of Christ:

1. Death, Burial, Resurrection

2. **(Rom 6:3-4)** “³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”