



**LESSON 6 – FOUNDATION STONES:**

**PART TWO NOTES AND HOMEWORK**

**WHY THE CROSS?**

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because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

**- Acts 17:31 -**

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**V. THE BENEFITS AND EFFECTS OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

- A. The wrath of God against sin and the sinner is “\_\_\_\_\_” or *satisfied*. Our sins are covered and forgiven.**

Propitiation answers the concept of atonement from the Old Testament. The blood of a slaughtered lamb slain on the Day of Atonement was brought by the High Priest into the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle of Moses once per year to cover the sins of the people.

The blood was sprinkled on the “mercy seat,” which was the top cover of the Ark of the Covenant. God ordained and required this act. It was the perfect picture of what the death of Christ, the ultimate Lamb of God, would accomplish.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, and our High Priest, shed His own blood on the cross, and is viewed as having been “sprinkled” on the heavenly mercy seat, which is part of God’s throne. It is through this blood of Christ that God’s righteous and holy wrath against sin and the sinner is satisfied.

*He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! Hebrews 9:12-14*

*In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9:22-28*

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice (propitiation) for our sins. 1 John 4:10*

*God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement (propitiation), through faith in his blood.*

*He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished Romans 3:25*

*He is the atoning sacrifice (propitiation) for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2*

*Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:9-10*

**B. The sacrifice of Christ on the cross also brings a *removal* of sins or “\_\_\_\_\_,”: Christ is our “scapegoat.”**

This answers to the Old Testament scapegoat. On the day of atonement, the priest would lay his hands on the goat and confess over it all the sins of the people of Israel. This goat was then sent away into the wilderness. The idea is that the goat, bearing the sins, guilt, and condemnation was sent away, cut off from the people of God forever. Jesus is also our scapegoat, Who through His sacrifice on the cross, “expiated” our sins, guilt, and condemnation, removing them from believers forever.

*When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert. Leviticus 16:20-22*

*The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29*

**For believers who sin after coming to Christ (we all do), this aspect of the scapegoat can be carried into an understanding of confession of sin in order to maintain fellowship with the Lord. Confessed sins to God are forgiven and “sent away” from us.**

**This also prevents the condemnation that comes from the devil from having any effect.**

*Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Romans 8:33*

*If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:6-10*

*Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34*

*This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest*

*in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. 1 John 3:19-21*

*Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Revelation 12:10-11*

### **C. Redeemed from the curse of the law.**

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” Galatians 3:13*

### **D. Redeemed from the “slave market” of sin.**

Words in the Greek New Testament often translated “redeemed” mean:

1. “to purchase out of the slave market” – transliterated as *exagorazo* (See Galatians 3:13 above for *exagorazo*)
2. “to ransom” – transliterated as *lutroo*

*who gave himself for us to **redeem** us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Titus 2:14*

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers. 1 Peter 1:18*

*For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a **ransom** for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. 1 Timothy 2:5-6*

### **E. Victory over the devil.**

*And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2:15*

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### **F. Justification before God and peace with God.**

Justification in scripture carries two important concepts:

1. The forgiveness of our sins.
2. The imputation of Christ’s righteousness to the believer.

*know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no-one will be justified. Galatians 2:16*

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21*

**Peace with God** – God’s just wrath no longer stands over against us in Christ – we have peace *with* God.

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1*

**G. Example of suffering, dying to self.**

*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” 1 Peter 2:21-22*

*Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.” Mark 8:34-35*

*I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:31*

**H. As Christ is our “Passover” (The fulfillment of the slaughtered Lamb at Passover), we are:**

1. protected/passed over instead of receiving judgment
2. delivered from slavery to sin

See Exodus Chapter 12.

*Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Corinthians 5:7*

**I. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to God and others in Christ.**

The cross is both vertical (man to God, God to man) and horizontal (man to man).

In the “vertical” aspect of the cross of Christ, we who as sinners were enemies of God and aliens from the covenants of promise, are now reconciled and at peace with God because of GOD’S WORK through Christ.

We forgive other believers because Christ forgave us. See Ephesians 4:31-5:2

**J. The Cross is a demonstration of God’s supreme \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:10-11*

*Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in*

*him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:9-10*

**K. Christ died as our \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit. 1 Peter 3:18*

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21*

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24*

## **VI. JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, GLORIFICATION**

Romans, chapter 8, tells us:

*And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:30*

We generally speak of believers being justified, sanctified, and glorified.

**A. Justified** – forgiven of sin, declared righteous before God, and had Christ's righteousness imputed to us. Justification is entirely the Work of GOD. (See Note F above.)

**B. Sanctified** – set apart for a holy use or purpose – cleansed and set free.

This also involves a CONTINUAL separation of our lives unto God's purposes and His purity.

Sanctification is something that a believer can affect in his life through the application of the Word of God and the normal practices of a disciple of Christ.

It is bringing forth the fruit of Christ's character by the Holy Spirit.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23*

The application of the Word of God affects our sanctification and development of our Christ-like character.

*to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word. Ephesians 5:26*

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23*

*Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no-one*

*will see the Lord.* Hebrews 12:14

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.* Titus 2:11-13

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Romans 12:1-2

- C. Glorified** – the final state of the believer is to be fully conformed to the image of Christ and to have a glorified body.

*who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.* Philippians 3:21

## VII. WHAT’S THE PRACTICAL “TAKE AWAY?”

- 1) Keeping the cross of Christ “central” in all you do is of vital importance, anytime you share the Gospel with someone, and everyday learning to yield your life to Christ – to die to self and live for Him!
- 2) You can have confidence in your relationship and fellowship with the Lord because of the vast and amazing benefits and blessings that come to us through death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Much more than forgiveness, you have received power over the enemy, victory over sin, and eternal life and much, much more. Meditating on these blessings as enumerated in God’s Word will make you a victorious Christian, and help you to learn to be a thankful heartfelt worshipper and follower of Christ through your entire life.

### Answers:

Pg. 1 – propitiated

Pg. 2 – expiation

Pg. 4 – reconciled, love

Pg. 5 – substitute

## MEMBERSHIP 101 CLASS 6 HOMEWORK

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**1) LIST ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF THE CROSS THAT IS A PARTICULAR BLESSING TO YOU.**

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**2) WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAVE COMMITTED SIN AS A CHRISTIAN? WHAT STEPS SHOULD YOU TAKE TO RESTORE YOUR FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD?**

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**3) HOW WAS GOD’S WRATH AGAINST SINFUL MAN “PROPITIATED” OR FULLY SATISFIED SO THAT HE COULD FORGIVE SIN?**

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**4) ARE YOU BORN AGAIN? HAVE YOU TRUSTED IN JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOUR AND RECEIVED THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS BY TRUSTING IN WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU ON THE CROSS? PLEASE EXPLAIN, OR GIVE A BRIEF TESTIMONY ABOUT HOW YOU CAME TO FAITH IN JESUS.**

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