

UNDERSTAND

- ✧ The Sacrificial Language of the Biblical Narrative of the New Testament:

John 3:16-17

1 Peter 1:18-19

1 Peter 2:5



Romans 12:1

Ephesians 5:1-2

Hebrews 13:15-16

- ✧ Fred Zaspel, "The theme of sacrifice, then, takes us to the heart of the gospel and the essence of the Christian faith. In a very real sense it constitutes Christianity." ³

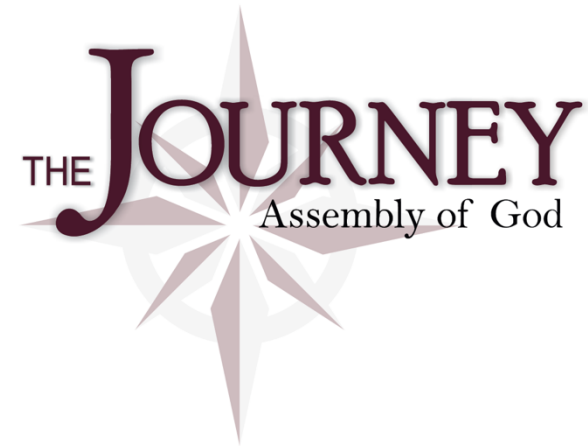
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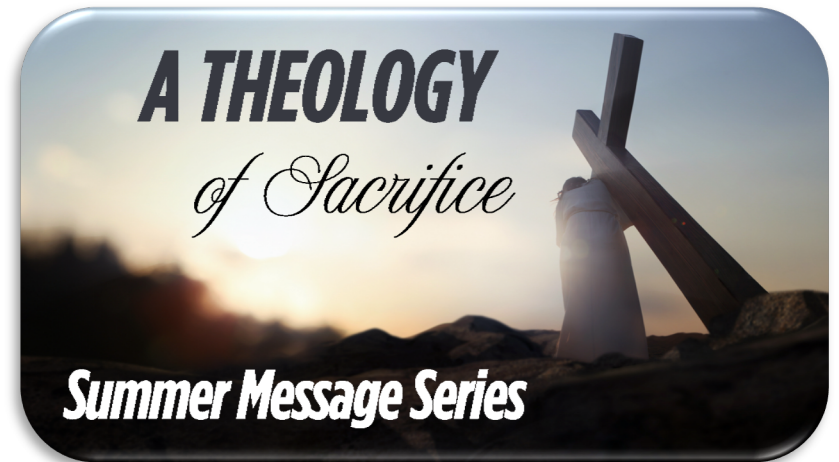
✧ **MY NEXT STEPS TODAY...**

- ☐ **Read Psalm 22** ~ Reflecting on the emotions & thoughts of the Messiah.
- ☐ **Observe More Intentionally the Sacrificial Language of the Bible** ~ Taking notes and identifying passages that speak of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.
- ☐ **Memorize 1 Timothy 2:5-6** ~ Appreciating the work of Jesus as the One True Mediator between God and mankind.
- ☐ **Apply The Truth of the Sacrificial Language of the Bible To My Life** ~ Allowing the work of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary to effect salvation for me, being washed and cleansed by His blood and made new in Christ.
- ☐ **Understand & Appreciate the Sacrificial Language of the Bible** ~ That is was for me Jesus died and determine to grow in my awareness of this truth every day.



MESSAGE GUIDE

Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer
Sunday: June 29, 2025



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Summer Message Series:

A THEOLOGY OF SACRIFICE

Today's Message:

#2 – The Concept of Sacrifice
& The Death of Jesus Christ
[Part 1]

"The Biblical Narrative of the
New Testament"

Text: Psalm 22; John 3:16-17; 19:28-30; Luke 24:44-46; Romans 12:1-2;
1 Corinthians 5:7-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 5:1-2;
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The Concept of Sacrifice & The Death of Jesus Christ "The Biblical Narrative of the New Testament" [Part 1]

THE CONCEPT OF SACRIFICE

- ✧ Key Words – Sin, Blood, Death, Wrath, Judgment, Substitution, Atonement, Appeasement, Satisfaction, Acceptance, and Forgiveness.

THE CONCEPT OF SACRIFICE & THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

- ✧ The Sacrifices of the Old Testament Covenant are an inferior picture of a **SUPREME SACRIFICE** that was yet to be offered.
 - ✧ The whole of the Old Testament points forward to the only begotten Son of God – Jesus Christ of Nazareth. [It is forward looking – a shadow / type / symbol / picture of what is to come.]
 - ✧ 1 Timothy 2:5-6 – There is One Mediator between God & men.



OBSERVE

- ✧ The Sacrificial Language of the Biblical Narrative of the New Testament:

Matthew 20:28
Ephesians 1:7
Colossians 1:20
Ephesians 2:13
Hebrews 9:13-14
Matthew 26:27-28
1 Peter 2:24
Philippians 2:8
1 Corinthians 5:7
Ephesians 5:2



Revelation 1:5
1 John 1:7
John 1:29
1 Peter 2:24
1 Corinthians 5:21
Galatians 3:13
Colossians 1:20
Romans 5:9-10
Romans 3:24-25
1 John 2:2; 4:10

- ✧ All these NT Scriptures and language direct us to understand our Lord's death **IN SACRIFICIAL TERMS**. It's the language of the New Testament.
- ✧ Fred Zaspel – "The terminology of propitiation, ransom, redemption, forgiveness, and reconciliation, all find their meaning against the backdrop of Old Testament sacrifice." ¹

APPLY

- ✧ The Sacrificial Language of the Biblical Narrative of the New Testament: Everything that the Old Testament symbolized and foreshadowed, Jesus literally accomplished in His saving work.
- ✧ Jesus knew what He was doing and time and again we hear the Savior say that, "The Scriptures Must Be Fulfilled!" (Mark 14:49)

Mark 14:49
Matthew 3:15
John 5:39, 46
Mark 14:48-49
Matthew 26:31
John 19:23-24



Matthew 5:17
Luke 22:37
* Isaiah 53:12
Mark 15:27-28
John 19:28-30
Luke 24:25-27, 44-46

- ✧ Fred Zaspel – "These former sacrifices were symbolic and anticipatory of what was **actual** in Christ's offering of himself on our behalf." ²
- ✧ Hebrews 10:19-23

He Has Done It!

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For The Week of June 29 – July 5, 2025

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The Concept of Sacrifice & The Death of Jesus Christ

1. How do you personally feel about all of the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament? (Sad? Angry? Guilty? Overwhelmed? Grossed Out?)
2. How do you personally feel about the sacrifice and death of Jesus Christ? (Broken? Responsible? Disconnected? Grateful? Amazed?)
3. Do you think people identify with this sacrificial system of Scripture? If so, why and how? If not, what problems does that present to those in the church in sharing the message of the Gospel?
 - ✧ How do you think John 3:16-17 and Hebrews 9:13-14 would be helpful Scriptures to point them to in an effort to try and explain this sacrificial concept?

John 3:16

OBSERVE

- 1) When one reads the New Testament it is impossible to avoid or miss the sacrificial language related to the death of Christ.
 - ✧ Which Scriptures from the list in the Message Guide stood out the most to you? Why?
- 2) Take a moment and write down on a piece of paper Ephesians 5:2 from various translations of the Bible (you can look them up online if need be) and then discuss what this text communicates about Jesus' sacrifice.

APPLY

- 1) Do you think Jesus understood that He was to be the Lamb of God and that His life and death were a fulfillment of all that was spoken of in the Old Testament? If so, what leads you to believe that? Do any of these Scriptures support your view? (John 5:39, 46; Matthew 5:1; Luke 22:37; John 19:28-30; Luke 24:25-27, 44-46)
- 2) Psalm 22 was read in the service Sunday and a video was shown regarding this text. Do you remember what rabbinic tradition was used by Jesus to draw His listeners into a broader understanding of what He was saying (quoting)? [If not, your Small Group Leader has the answer!]
 - ✧ Why would this practice be dynamically helpful when people standing near the cross of Jesus heard Him quoting from Psalm 22?

UNDERSTAND

- 1) What are some ways that we can more fully understand and grow in our appreciation for the sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation?
- 2) What does the Apostle Paul beg us to do in Romans 12:1-2?
 - ✧ What are some practical ways that we can go about doing this in our daily lives?

