

Theme: Transfer your guilt and others' guilt onto Christ, not onto others.

Transfer of sin to substitute...(Gen.4)

- **Illustration #1:** Sin was to be transferred to a substitute, right from the start!
- Cain refused to present life for life and replaced it with vegetables, demanding approval.
- Cain's Idol=acceptance on his own terms
 - He showed anger when he didn't get it.
 - He retaliated against Abel as if he had done him wrong, killing him!
 - Abel had done nothing wrong
- At most Abel had exposed Cain's idol.
- God warned him to rule over sin.
- **Pr. #1** Our level of hurt or anger is not a true measure of whether we've been wronged.
- **Pr.#2** When we refuse to transfer guilt of self and others to Christ we try to transfer it to those we judge & even try to silence or neutralize them.

Transfer of sin to substitute...(Is. 53:5,6)

- "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."
- This is a call to transfer our guilt and others' to Christ
 - ...after discerning if there is real guilt!
- **Illustration #2:** Saul was angry at David though he had done no wrong...just showed up his sin. He tried to silence him, craving the honor that was going to David.
- Saul's Idol: Honor
- These issues are deep in the heart but the Holy Spirit will enable us to stop transferring to people and onto Christ

Applications:

- **Recognize** attempts to rescue or restore idols by transferring our guilt to someone we feel threatened by.
- **Understand** the progression of the idolatry... **Desire-Demand-Judge-Punish**
- **Resist** the temptation to transfer to another & transfer it to Christ.
- **Rom. 12:21** Don't be overcome by evil...but overcome evil with good.