**TOPIC-** EASTER

**Lesson 3.5.a Jesus Christ, the perfect sacrifice**

**Age Group:** 6 - 7, 8-13

* Open Prayer, Worship and Praise
* Review of the previous lesson
* **Objective:**

Children will learn and understand that by the body, blood and life of Jesus, because he was without sin, made an offering that satisfied God once and for all. By that perfect offering we are perfected and are being sanctified (cleansed). No need for repetitive sin offering anymore. The old covenant is removed forever and replaced with the new. Glory to God!!!

* **Bible Story Reference: Hebrews 10:1-18**
* **Introduction**

There is a great difference between a shadow and the reality it reflects. The Old Testament Law and the Levitical priesthood (with all its sacrifices) was but a shadow of the “good things to come,” namely the New Covenant as inaugurated (initiated) by the incarnation (means embodied in flesh or taking on flesh) and sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus.

The Levitical sacrifices were made year after year, and this repetition was evidence of their ineffectiveness. If, the author reasons, these sacrifices were able to perfect those who drew near then they would not have had to be offered repeatedly. One offering would have been enough. The offeror would have been cleansed of sin and likewise his conscience would have been cleansed as well. There should be no guilty conscience regarding sin where the guilt and penalty of sin has been removed.

The reason for the failure of the Old Testament sacrifices to remove sin is given in verse 4: “*the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins.*” Animal blood is not enough sacrifice for sins.

The ineffective nature of the Old Testament sacrifices is not a new revelation. The author of Hebrews is only repeating something that was commonly taught in the Old Testament Scriptures:

*“Of what importance to me are your many sacrifices?” says the Lord. “I am stuffed with burnt sacrifices of rams and the fat from steers. The blood of bulls, lambs, and goats I do not want. When you enter my presence, do you actually think I want this – animals trampling on my courtyards? Do not bring any more meaningless offerings; I consider your incense detestable! You observe new moon festivals, Sabbaths, and convocations, but I cannot tolerate sin-stained celebrations!” (Isaiah 1:11-13)*

In these series we shall take a deep dive into the subject and analyze seven attributes of this once for all perfect sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humankind.

* **Bible Story: The seven attributes of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ**
1. **A sacrifice such that God will remember sins no more**:

The Hebrew writer believes that whilst people under the old covenant were certainly justified and forgiven, it was not by any sacrifice of blood offered under the old covenant, but by anticipation of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Forgiveness before the cross was provisional (temporal).

The sins forgiven were not taken away and remembered no more. The Hebrew writer explains that “in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year after year”. But when Christ made His perfect sacrifice, now there is a forgiveness of sins in which there is no more remembrance of sin.

*References: Hebrews 10:3-7,17; Hebrews 8:12; Hebrews 9:15*

1. **A sacrifice of His own blood not a substitute:**

The Bible emphasizes that Jesus offered “HIS own blood”. The priests of old offered the blood of animals which was a substitute that could sanctify and purify only by virtue of its symbolism of Christ’s blood. It had long been known that forgiveness required a sacrifice of blood.

Most people did not realize, however, that the blood sacrifices offered were not of themselves acceptable to God. However, God accepted such sacrifices, if they were offered genuinely in faith, only because they foreshadowed (indicated) the perfect sacrifice by God of “His own blood”.

*References: Hebrews 10:5-7; Hebrews 9:12; Hebrews 13:12*

1. **A sacrifice for eternal redemption**:

The Bible speaks of eternal salvation, eternal judgment, eternal redemption, the eternal Spirit, eternal inheritance, and the eternal covenant. Three of those instances are here (Hebrews 9:12-15).

The old sacrifices were temporal, they were offered and were effective for a period of time. The sacrifice of Christ was timely made; however, its effect transcends (exceeds) a period of time. Even when time itself is no more, the redemption we have through Christ’s sacrifice will remain.

*Reference: Hebrews 9:12-15*

* **Memory Verse:**

**Hebrews 10:4** NIV

It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

**Hebrews 10:14** NKJV

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

* **Application and Conclusion**

Christ presented His own flesh, blood and life to God as a sacrifice, once for all. By that sacrifice, Christ has perfected our redemption, our salvation and eternal communion with The Holy God. *HE HAS MADE THE ONCE IMPOSSIBLE, ETERNALLY POSSIBLE.*

* **Songs**
1. And can it be, that I should gain…

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound…

He took my place and died for me…

1. Love, Love, L.O.V.E…

Jesus came from Heaven,

To die on the tree

This is Love, Love, Love

* **Activities Attached**
* **Closing Prayer**

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