

## Hebrews 4:15

### Our Perfect Lamb

Jesus, The son of God, Our great high priest, has passed through the heavens and become a man. Tempted in all ways as we are, yet was without sin... This entire truth revolves around the attitude and motive of the Godhead. God is sympathetic to our plight and desires to save us. But there is much more displayed here, we can learn of sin, of temptation, of victory... and we can learn of the incredible value of the perfect Lamb that was the **only** source of that victory!

#### I. THE PURE AND SPOTLESS LAMB –

Being tempted is not sin.

- a. We often face difficult temptations and feel sullied even by the trial, understand that God truly KNOWS the depths of our struggles, and the fight itself is NOT sin.

- b. And even when we do fail, His kindness and love offer us forgiveness by the strength of the price that was paid to free us from its hold.
- c. God never stops loving those that are His own.

## II. THE TRIUMPHANT LAMB –

He faced every single thing that killed us and defeated them all

- a. This offers great hope to us in the midst of our trials.
- b. He knows how to lead us to escape and offers us escape in His victory

### 1 Corinthians 10.12-13

- i. Strength for the victory
- ii. The path of victory
- iii. His own blood as our shield and fortress
- iv. The destruction of the power of the old man that used to dominate us.

## Romans 6.12-18

- a) We are NO longer slaves of sin
- b) We are now slaves of righteousness

### III. THE PERFECT LAMB

He alone is qualified to be our substitute in the price and become our entrance into the presence of God. He was the perfect Lamb of God, who takes away, not just the sins, but the SIN of the world. And He was given for us, sent by the Father to be the One who would set all things to rights, but He also was the required PERFECT sacrifice...

- a. The required sacrifice HAD to be perfect for only perfection can be offered

## Deuteronomy 15.21

- b. This perfection shows us the practical inspection for the fitness of the sacrificial lamb as well as the completion of the law, and the

satisfaction of all necessary righteousness. The lamb had to be inspected and proven perfect

Exodus 12.5

1Pet 1.19

- 1) This perfect Lamb was to live with the people and at the end of the appointed time He was found to be without sin, without fault, or blemish... He was found to be worthy to be slain...
- 2) Consider the pain which must have entered the heart of the family when the lamb was slaughtered, especially among the children...
- 3) now consider the pain which entered the heart of the father who slew it, both saving and wounding his children,
- 4) and consider the truth that this lamb but foreshadowed the real Lamb...

c. The absolute perfection of the Lamb shows us the worth of the blood used for the offering.

- i. This point cannot be overstated, the purity of the blood is the heart of our atonement.
- ii. Christ's practical obedience pleased the Father
  - 1) He COMPLETELY fulfilled the law on our behalf.
  - 2) There is no part of the requirement left for us to accomplish,
  - 3) and what we offer if we attempt it, is nothing but guilt offered in place of innocence,
  - 4) and while we may pay for our sins in that manner, we will never complete the payment, and will never accomplish our end.

#### **IV. THE PERSONAL LAMB. –**

a. There is a progression in the initial revelation of the Passover lamb

- i. **Exodus 12.3** - a lamb
- ii. **Exodus 12.4** - the lamb
- iii. **Exodus 12.5** - YOUR lamb

b. This is not a religion of far off and obligated, ritual duty. This is a dynamic union with the Risen Lord Jesus. He is both the method and the goal of our salvation. For He is beautiful and worth the loss of all things.

c. Consider the words of Jesus about the failure of the religious Jews of His day

John 5:39–40

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

d. Peter and the Disciples understood this fact and were committed to staying with Jesus despite his growing unpopularity.

John 6:68–69

But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

e. Paul understood this fact and made the sacrifices that this knowledge demands.

### Philippians 3.7-11

## V. THE NEEDED LAMB

a. No other way is created, allowed or possible.

- i. It is the greatest of offenses to God and the Lamb to ignore Him and the offer of His blood
- ii. It is worse yet to attempt to create some artificial alternate means
- iii. It is utter blasphemy and the most heinous of evils for us to pretend that in any way we might contribute to His finished work.

b. This blood cleanses us from sin because it is free of sin.

### 1John 1.7

c. This blood ALONE cleanses us from ALL sin because it ALONE is free from all sin!!

## Roman 3.9-23

- i. There is no other who is free from the taint of original sin
  - ii. and no other who has ever fulfilled the law of God.
  - iii. The hellish doctrine of the immaculate conception of Mary is a slap in the face of the true Savior.
- d. This blood alone can help us escape because this lamb alone emerged victorious from
- i. The trials of life free of sin. He can alone help us escape the snare of the tempter because He alone has triumphed over EVERY SINGLE trick that the enemy has. Christ becomes our sure guide to navigate this life without fail, for He has walked every path we will ever tread...
  - ii. The trial of death - having been raised for our justification

## Romans 4.24

- iii. The bonds of the grave. Having been raised for eternity, and crowned with Glory.

### Ephesians 1:15-22

- iv. He also emerged from those trials with His compassion for us intact.
  - 1) No failure will turn Him against you because He understands our weaknesses.
  - 2) He understands how difficult the days of our trials actually be, and has for us great love and sympathy.
  - 3) The offer of mercy in Christ is real, it is freely offered and it is for all who will come.
  - 4) But the offer DOES have an expiration date.

### 2Corinthians 6.1-2

Sometime between now and your death, God will cease to offer this mercy. You do not know when that date is, but if you are hearing me now, you still have the reality of the offer of mercy, TODAY. Do not waste this moment, it may be the last one you ever have.