

CHRIST'S FAT: Genesis 4:3-5; Leviticus 3:1-17

The peace offering should be of interest you who are believers in Christ because part of **your wealth is described in this offering.** You are wealthy in Christ. **You can be wealthy and live poorly.**

I. God is hosting believing worshipers to the best that God has to offer. 3:1-6

A. The offering was turned over to the priest: from then on, *the offering belonged to God.*

B. All offerings that include blood shedding point to Christ: The priest sprinkled the blood, then the priest burned the fat. All the fat is the Lord's [3:16]. **"Fat" was considered the best part:**

1. CHRIST OFFERED HIMSELF IN ALL HIS PERFECTIONS "WITHOUT BLEMISH" (VS.6) ON YOUR BEHALF.

Fat burned in the peace offering represents Christ as accepted for us, in that He gave to God in our behalf the very best He had to offer. For in that incomparable sacrifice we are to think not only of the completeness of Christ's consecration for us, but also **the supreme excellence of that which He offered unto God for us. All that was best in Him, reason, affection, disposition, and will, as well as the members of His physical body as a man, indeed, His whole manhood, and His whole deity, in the mystery of the incarnation, He offered for us.**

Romans 5:19 explains, "...by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Apply it to yourself. Are you in Christ? Just how righteous are you? **FAT MEANS BEST**

2. VS.3 Last two words "***the inwards***" were part of the offering that ascended up to God) **"CHRIST'S INWARDS: His very best. **This accomplished much for you.****

3. We are saved by grace alone. **Maintain the divine initiative**, “As you received Christ, so walk in Him.”

Note Titus 2:11,12; what does "*grace teach us*"? The grace of God has appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

How many people are there who are withered and empty inside and hardly eat a bite of spiritual food. Are you one of those? You know what you did—or failed to do—you probably know the circumstances perfectly well.

Leviticus 7:16-20: Crucial details that "keep the peace".

Our warning to the saints is don't be **CARELESS** about spiritual cleanliness; 7:19,20. We are encouraged by God's grace in the peace offering. But we are warned not to be carelessly unclean. Cleanliness [spiritual purity] is vital to peaceful communion.

II. WHY STARVE IN THE KITCHEN?

STOP BEING A FAITHLESS PERSON: take the cleansing, take the filling, come to the spiritual table—with confidence in Christ's fat offering for you.

A. The place of the feast points to God's intention of being gracious to you.

A feast is a natural expression of friendship and fellowship. He who gives the meal extends friendship and peaceful goodwill toward the guests to inviting them to partake of ***His food at his house. Please note Deuteronomy 12:6,7,17,18. John 1:16***

What if there has been a breach in friendship between you and God?

"And if, in any case, there has been an interruption or breach of friendship, such an invitation to a feast is a declaration on the part of him who gives the invitation, as also on the part of those who accept that the breach is now HEALED. Where there was enmity and alienation, there is now peace.

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Luke 15:15-21 here is the friendless starving sinner. Luke 15:22-27: Here is the reconciled feasting at home, enjoying God's best. "Bring forth the **BEST** robe. Kill the **FATTED** calf.

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Psalms 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd. NOTE 23:5: The shepherd image is replaced by one of greater intimacy. **Gracious host**; sheep have nothing to do with tables and cups and houses: but you do.

Thou preparest a TABLE before ME in the presence of my enemies" Name some of your enemies, things or factors that threaten your well-being:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Summarizing the Peace offering

1. Offer to God Christ in your stead. When you do this you are offering the best that can be offered. "All the fat is the LORD's", give God the best. Offer Christ's "fat": Why 10 mentions
2. Ask God to feed you with His best. Why not claim what belongs to you? You are an heir aren't you? Say, Lord, do for me what you did for the prodigal in Luke 15!
3. Evangelize people. Use Luke 15 to teach repentance.

