

CHRIST, OUR SACRIFICE



Isaiah wrote about the life and works of Jesus in five passages:



CHRIST IN ISAIAH

**First
song:
Isaiah
42:1-9**

The hard work of Jesus: Bringing justice and law to everyone. He would behave humbly.

“A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth” (Isaiah 42:3)

**Second
song:
Isaiah
49:1-7**

The salvation work of Jesus; suffering and rejection would come in His life.

“It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

**Third
song:
Isaiah
50:4-9**

Jesus would be whipped, beaten, tortured, humiliated; but He will trust God to help Him and vindicate Him.

“I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting” (Isaiah 50:6)

**Fourth song:
Isaiah 52:13-
53:12**

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Exaltation and humiliation (Is. 52:13-15)

- “Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high” (Isaiah 52:13)

Rejection: man of sorrows and suffering (Is. 53:1-3)

- “He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him” (Isaiah 53:3)

Atonement: He carried our transgressions (Is. 53:4-6)

- “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5)

Suffering: Judgment, death and burial (Is. 53:7-9)

- “And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth” (Isaiah 53:9)

Glorification: The wonderful result of Jesus’ death. Resurrection, justification; He shares His victory and intercedes for others (Is. 53:10-12)

- “He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities” (Isaiah 53:11)

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Fifth song:
Isaiah 61:1-3

The ministry of Jesus driven by the Holy Spirit.

- **“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound” (Isaiah 61:1)**

CHRIST OUR SUBSTITUTE

“so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation” (Hebrews 9:28)

Every human being is condemned to eternal death: “For the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23 fp)

Nevertheless, Jesus offered Himself to take our place. He never sinned, but He experienced the eternal death in our place to give us eternal life: “...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23 lp)



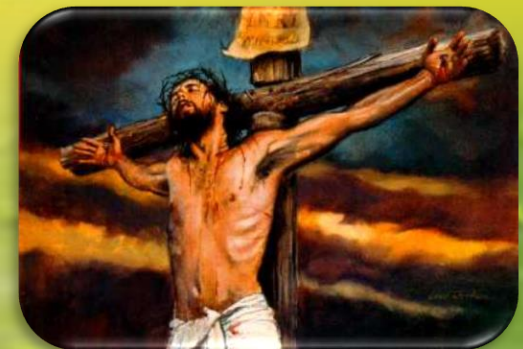
CHRIST, SPOTLESS SACRIFICE

“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens” (Hebrews 7:26)

Every sacrifice in the Sanctuary was carefully examined. It was rejected if any defect was found in it.



Only a spotless, sinless life could substitute a sinner’s life.



“Jesus was an earnest, constant worker. Never lived there among men another so weighted with responsibilities. Never another carried so heavy a burden of the world’s sorrow and sin. Never another toiled with such self-consuming zeal for the good of men. Yet His was a life of health. Physically as well as spiritually He was represented by the sacrificial lamb, “without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:19.

In body as in soul He was an example of what God designed all humanity to be through obedience to His laws”



THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

“how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14)



The New Testament states that the blood of Christ brings eternal redemption. It also brings purification from sin, forgiveness, sanctification and resurrection.

We must understand that simile (the blood) in the rites in the Sanctuary.

Once an animal was dead, it could no longer do anything. Nevertheless, it still had to be carried before God's presence to intercede for the sinner. Its blood was carried there, since it represented the whole animal.

Unlike that animal, Jesus resurrected, so He can do all that work the blood of the victim did in the Sanctuary, representing the victim.

Therefore, when someone is talking about the blood of Christ in the New Testament, he is talking about what Jesus did at the cross and what He is doing now in the Heavenly Sanctuary for us.



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