

SECURE IN CHRIST FOREVER ~ GOD'S GOT THIS!

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INTRODUCTION: The supremacy of the blood of Christ vs. the blood of animal sacrifices.

God proclaims to the Hebrews:

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body thou hast prepared for me: In burnt-offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said, I Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt-offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. (Hebrews 10:1-9)

The blood of bulls and goats were just a shadow.

Colossians 2: 16-17 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

These things (meat, drink, sabbath days....) were related to the Mosaic covenant.

Paul warns that some will come along and try to put the Body of Christ under the Mosaic system. But-those things were instructional – i.e., just shadows of the things to come in the prophesied millennial reign of Christ (earthly kingdom).

Hebrews 2: 5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

This "first covenant" clearly speaks not of the Mosaic Covenant with Israel (not of the Noahic or Abrahamic). The Lord Jesus Christ came to earth, lived under the Mosaic law, shed his blood, and presented himself to the Father in heaven, thereby becoming the mediator of a new testament on behalf of Israel.

(Note difference in "testament" and "covenant.")

Good things are coming for the nation of Israel! (See Jeremiah 31; Ezekiel 36)

"PAID IN FULL"

The blood of Christ and believers TODAY.

What assurance can we have as believers today; as members of the church, the Body of Christ?

We see in Paul's epistles that salvation now has extended to all of mankind.

Believers today can have absolute, total assurance of eternal security through faith in the finished work of the Lord Christ at the cross.

TRANSDISPENSATIONAL TRUTH

"But without faith it is impossible to please him..." (Hebrews 11:6)

We must believe that God sent Christ to do a work, and the work was accomplished completely. Christ's faithfulness is our security.

Ephesians 1: 13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Once we place our trust in his gospel — it is a sealed deal — a guarantee of an inheritance in heavenly places.

Romans 5: 1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

We have peace with God.

Colossians 1: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

We've been redeemed. (And the saints say, Amen!)

Philippians. 1: 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

We can't lose something God is doing for us.

Colossians 2: 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses...

All of our sins have been forgiven in Christ. Our old man has been crucified. Our sin has been paid for — past, present, and future. Our life is now hid in him. Amen.

Ephesians 4: 30 - 32 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

We are sealed by the Holy Spirit and all of our sins have been forgiven.

Galatians 2: 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I am identified with Christ now.

Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith...

It's not about me or anything I do. It's about the righteousness of Christ imputed to me. In in Christ and nothing can take me out.

II Timothy 1: 12 ...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

We can all sing this — our belief is in Christ — not ourselves.

Ephesians 2: 8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

This is God's word. I can believe it.

II Corinthians 12: 9-10 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

When trials come, and we stop to say these verses out loud to ourselves — it is like an adrenaline rush.

Believing God's word is like having the power of God step in and say,

"I got this!"

Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power...

We lack nothing.

Romans 3: 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

If it's free, it's not dependent on anything I do.

*It's purely on God. It's his end of the bargain to hold up
and I believe he has.*

II Timothy 4: 6-9 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

When God says "all" there are no exceptions! "All them that love his appearing" refers to believers. Believers have a crown of righteousness laid up for them. Only believers look forward to his coming.

We are looking forward to that blessed hope.

II Timothy 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

God is faithful... Yes, God is faithful.

Galatians 3: 2-3 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

~~We are reminded how we it, and who's doing the work,~~

~~It's that simple.~~

~~We can say this with Paul - substituting the first person.~~

II Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for *me* – (even Christ) who knew no sin – that *I* might be made the righteousness of God in him.

~~Amen and Amen~~

TRANSDISPENSATIONAL TRUTH:

Hebrews 4:12

"The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and as a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

~~That's how God works - through his word.~~

Titus 1: 2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.

~~God cannot lie.~~

II Timothy 4: 18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom to whom be glory forever and ever.

~~Paul is our Apostle, and is our pattern.~~

~~If Paul can say this with confidence, we know that we can say it with confidence as well.~~

~~The risen Christ gave this glorious gospel to Paul for us for today.~~

Titus 3: 5-7 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he



shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

We know our hope in Christ is sure.

We believe on him and we see the word of God working *effectually in and through believers every day.*

Thank God for his glorious grace!

And all the saints say, Amen and Amen.