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### **Romans 5:9-10**

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

- Christ's ministration in the heavenly sanctuary after His resurrection has much more to offer than His sacrificial dying on the cross!
- It's not the cross of Jesus that saved us, or was it His death that saved us; but rather, it is the Life of Christ that saves us. And the life in context here is the post-resurrection life of Christ as our Great High Priest.
- Good. Now,
- The problem is, pastors preach the cross like it's the end all-be-all.
- And they make an idol of it just as much as the Roman Catholic Church idolizes the DYING Jesus on the crucifix.
- The crucifixion was not necessary for our salvation (**Matt 26:24**) 24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.
- i. If the cross were necessary for our salvation, then there would be no condemnation for Judas or Annas or Caiaphas and even Pilate for their part in crucifying Jesus; they were only helping God fulfill His plan.
- the punishment for blasphemy is stoning (Lev 24:16, Jn 10:31, Act 7:58) not crucifixion
- ii. in other words, it was not necessary for Christ to die on the cross in order to save us; if it were, the cross would have been the very means of Christ's death; He would have died because of the nails!

### **Romans 5:11**

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

- Paul is showing that the Life of Christ is what justifies God, in a legal sense of the law, to provide Atonement in heaven. And it is this Atonement that we can now be the benefactors of, which allows Christ to impart His Life to us!
- "When Christ, the Mediator, burst the bands of the tomb, and ascended on high to minister for man, He first entered the holy place where, by virtue of His own SACRIFICE (Heb 8:2-3), He made an OFFERING for the sins of men. With intercession and pleadings He presented before God the prayers and repentance and faith of His people, purified by the incense of His own merits. He next entered the Most Holy Place, to make an ATONEMENT for the sins of the people, and to cleanse the sanctuary. His work as high priest COMPLETES THE DIVINE PLAN of redemption by making the final atonement for sin. [A page is missing at this point in the original manuscript].– {10MR 157.3}

### **Romans 5:12**

12 Wherefore, as by one [woman] man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### **Genesis 3:6**

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband

with her; and he did eat.

- Who sinned first?
- -Eve
- When eve sinned, sin was internalized in her, but romans 5:12 says that when Adam sinned, sin entered all the world.
- This was because the whole world was placed upon adam's shoulders. See Leviticus with the priest having the bare the meat offering upon his shoulders. The priest could only be a male, a woman could not bare the meat offering on her shoulders.
- Romans 5 shows that Christ came to restore man's image --> God's character, which was first given to Adam. If you fall, all creation falls with you (Adam), this was not the case with her (eve) in the creation. Eve was to help man carry his godly responsibility. Eph 5:22-23
- 2 Peter 3:10, why does God have to burn up the earth? Sin. Sin contaminated all this is in the creation, earth and air.
- When Christ came, how did he come? Was he forced? No. He GAVE Himself. This is the service of a Godly man.
- Man is head of the woman, as Christ is the head of the church.
- Christ is the savior of the body.
- Christ cannot be the savior of the body by JOINING the body IN sin. (See **1 Cor 6:15-17**).
  - 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
- Gen 3:6 shows that Adam failed in his true service to his bride, Eve.
- V.7 shows that Adam harkened unto the voice of his wife and as a result the whole ground of the earth was cursed. This aligns with Romans 5:12, when sin entered the world.
- Adam's duty as a godly man was to save the body. Here he was to become a mediator for Eve but he failed to do this when Eve sinned.
- See now **Joshua 24:15**
  - 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

### **Genesis 3:9**

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

- Christ calls out to Adam here and asks him, Adam, where are you?
- Christ knew where Adam physically was. This question goes much deeper.
- Christ felt adam's spiritual separation from Him.
- Christ calls out this question to us today, where are we in our walk with Him?
- Sometimes we think we are on the straight and narrow path but Satan has fogged our judgement and we do not realize we are straying farther and farther away from Jesus. And it is only by the voice of God crying out in the night that we may find our way back to Him.

### **Genesis 3:15**

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- Who bears the seed in creation?
- Male or female?
- The male was given the seed to give to the woman.
- So why is it said here that it will be through "the seed of the woman"?
- It is saying Jesus will be born of a woman without a husband and the seed will be given to her from God

the Father.

#### **Galatians 4:4**

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

- The fullness of the time was come
  - 70 week prophecy of Dan 9:24-27
- His Son:
  - “Made of a woman” - human form
  - “Made under the law” - fallen human nature

#### **Philippians 2:5-8**

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

- So it was with Christ that Jesus was humbled 7 times from being next to the throne of God the Father to dying on the cross of Calvary. And in his work as priest, carried our sins on his shoulders, as the priest would carry the fat of the sin offering on his shoulders to the alter, so Christ carried our sins to heaven where they would be covered with his blood 7 times in the Day of Atonement.
- By His life and His death, Christ proved that God’s justice did not destroy His mercy, but that sin could be forgiven, and that the law is righteous, and can be perfectly obeyed. Satan’s charges were refuted. God had given man unmistakable evidence of His love. – **{Desire of Ages 762.4} see also DA 25.2-.3**
- He was obedient unto death, showing what the human being has the power to do, keep God’s Commandments perfectly. Even so much so, that Christ found Joy in doing His Father’s will by remaining obedient, even at his crucifixion.
- **1 John 5:3 For** this is the LOVE of God, that WE KEEP His commandments: and his commandments are NOT grievous.

#### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For **ye are bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

#### **Matthew 26:14-15**

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver.**

#### **Leviticus 27:2-4**

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons shall be for the LORD by thy estimation. 3 And thy estimation shall be of the **male** from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be **fifty shekels** of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 And if it be a **female**, then thy estimation shall be **thirty shekels.**

- Why was Christ sold for 30 pieces of silver contrary to the levical law which says a male servant is worth 50 shekels?
  - Remember WE were bought with a price. What price? Literally, 30 shekels.
  - Who did Christ die for? Himself or for you and me? For you and me.
  - Therefore, Christ was sold for the value of the one for whom He died, HIS BRIDE!
  - He died the death we deserve to die and in our place, he gave himself. His own life in our place of

- ours.
- Therefore, it was according to the prophecy of Jeremiah, that Christ would be sold for 30 pieces of silver.
  - Christ died for the one He loved, His church, that He might reproduce His image in His church so that he can see her again one day, face to face.
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- Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. “With His stripes we are healed.” – {DA 25.2}
  - By His life and His death, Christ has achieved even more than recovery from the ruin wrought through sin. It was Satan’s purpose to bring about an eternal separation between God and man; but in Christ we become more closely united to God than if we had never fallen. In taking our nature, the Saviour has bound Himself to humanity by a tie that is never to be broken. Through the eternal ages He is linked with us. “God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son.” John 3:16. He gave Him not only to bear our sins, and to die as our sacrifice; He gave Him to the fallen race. To assure us of His immutable counsel of peace, God gave His only-begotten Son to become one of the human family, forever to retain His human nature. This is the pledge that God will fulfill His word. “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.” – {DA 25.3}