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EXPERIENCING CHRIST

Message 1

Experiencing the Christ Who Satisfies God

I. The Lord Jesus lived a life that fully pleased the Father

- A. During His first 30 years as a child, as a youth, as a man, up to His baptism—
Luke 2:40, 49, 51-52; Mark 6:3a; Matt. 13:55

Matthew 3:16-17 *And having been baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him. And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. (See: Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21b-22)*

John 1:29a *The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God!*

- B. During His earthly ministry

Matthew 17:1 *1 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain privately. 2 And He was transfigured before them, and His face shined like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him. 4 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You are willing, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah. 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him! . . . 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone. (See: Mark 9:7-8; Luke 9:35-36a)*

2 Peter 1:17-18 *For He received from God the Father honor and glory, a voice such as this being borne to Him by the magnificent glory: This is My Son, My Beloved, in whom I delight. And this voice we heard being borne out of heaven while we were with Him in the holy mountain.*

1. He carried out the Father's will

John 6:38 *For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.*

2. He did the Father's work

John 5:19 *Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.*

3. He spoke the Father's words

John 12:49-50 *For I have not spoken from Myself; but the Father who sent Me, He Himself has given Me commandment, what to say and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life. The things therefore that I speak, even as the Father has said to Me, so I speak.*

4. He sought the Father's glory

John 8:50a *But I do not seek My glory . . .*

5. He lived the Father's life

John 6:57 *As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father.*

- C. In His suffering and death on the cross

Acts 2:32-33, 36 *This Jesus God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you both see and hear. . . .*

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that **God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.**

Acts 13:33 That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, **"You are My Son; today I have begotten You."**

Hebrews 1:1-5 1 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, 2 Has at the last of these days **spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things**, through whom also He made the universe; 3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high**; 4 Having become as much better than the angels as to have inherited a more distinguished name than they. 5 For to which of the angels has He ever said, **"You are My Son; this day have I begotten You"**? And again, "I will be a Father to Him, and He will be a Son to Me"?

Hebrews 5:5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself in becoming a High Priest, but it was He who said to Him, **"You are My Son; this day have I begotten You."**

II. This Christ who has fully satisfied God is for us to experience now and continually

Exodus 29:38-46 38 Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old each day continually. 39 The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight; 40 And with the first lamb a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering. 41 And the other lamb you shall offer at twilight, you shall offer it with the meal offering and its drink offering as in the morning, for a satisfying fragrance, an offering by fire to Jehovah. 42 It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before Jehovah, where I will meet with you to speak to you there. 43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel; and it shall be sanctified by My glory. 44 And I will sanctify the Tent of Meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will sanctify to serve Me as priests. 45 And I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel, and I will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I am Jehovah their God, who brought them out from the land of Egypt that I might dwell in the midst of them; I am Jehovah their God.

Leviticus 1:4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him

- A. We offer Christ to God as our burnt offering by laying our hands on Him, signifying our identification with Him in which we give ourselves to Him and we take Him for our acceptance by God
- B. Our offering Christ to God as our burnt offering is a satisfying fragrance to God
- C. Our offering Christ to God as our burnt offering ushers us into the church life
- D. Our offering Christ to God as our burnt offering causes God to be one with us and to speak to us
- E. We must offer Christ to God as our burnt offering continually, morning and evening for our whole life as the basis of our experience of Christ, both as all the other offerings and also in all the other aspects of our spiritual life

Experiencing Christ in His Redemption

- I. **By offering Christ as our sin offering we enjoy what Christ did to deal with the indwelling sin in our nature that causes us to sin unintentionally—Lev. 4:1–3, 13, 22, 27**

Leviticus 4:1–3 1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If anyone sins without intent, in any of the things which Jehovah has commanded not to be done, and does any one of them, 3 If the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him present a bull of the herd without blemish to Jehovah for a sin offering for his sin that he committed.

Leviticus 4:13 Now if the whole assembly of Israel errs, and the matter escapes the notice of the congregation, and they have done any of the things which Jehovah commanded not to be done and become guilty.

Leviticus 4:22 When a ruler sins and does without intent any one of all the things which Jehovah his God has commanded not to be done and becomes guilty.

Leviticus 4:27 And if any one of the common people sins without intent by doing any of the things which Jehovah has commanded not to be done and becomes guilty.

- A. Sin indwells our flesh and causes us to do what we don't want to do—Rom. 5:12; 7:17, 20

Romans 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned . . .

Romans 7:17 Now then it is no longer I that work it out, but sin that dwells in me.

Romans 7:20 But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.

- B. Christ died as our sin offering to deal with our sinful nature—John 1:29; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 8:3; Heb. 9:26; 2:14–15; John 12:31

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

2 Corinthians 5:21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

Hebrews 9:26 Since then He would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world. But now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested for the putting away of sin through the sacrifice of Himself.

Hebrews 2:14–15 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil, And might release those who because of the fear of death through all their life were held in slavery.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

- C. The blood of the sin offering covers our situation with God, gives us access to contact God in prayer, is effective for our redemption, and gives us peace in our conscience—Lev. 4:5–7, 25; Heb. 9:12; 10:19

Leviticus 4:5–7 5 And the anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull and bring it to the Tent of Meeting, 6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before Jehovah in front of the veil of the sanctuary. 7 And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before Jehovah, which is in the Tent of Meeting; and all the rest of the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

Leviticus 4:25 *And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering.*

Hebrews 9:12 *And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.*

Hebrews 10:19 *Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus.*

- D. The law of the sin offering requires the daily walk of one who has received redemption through the blood of Christ to be dealt with—Lev. 6:25, 27; Eph. 4:22–24

Leviticus 6:25 *Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered the sin offering shall be slaughtered before Jehovah; it is most holy.*

Leviticus 6:27 *Whatever touches its flesh shall be holy. And when any of its blood splashes on a garment, you shall wash whatever was splashed in a holy place.*

Ephesians 4:22–24 *22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit, 23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind 24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.*

II. By offering Christ as our trespass offering, we are forgiven by God of our sinful deeds, mistakes, wrongdoing, and trespasses—Lev. 5:6–13

Leviticus 5:6–13 *6 And he shall bring his trespass offering to Jehovah for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a sheep or a goat, as a sin offering; and the priest shall make expiation for him on account of his sin. 7 And if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring as his trespass offering to Jehovah for that in which he has sinned two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. 8 And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall present first that which is for the sin offering; and the priest shall pinch off its head at the front of its neck but shall not sever it; 9 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering upon the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar; it is a sin offering. 10 And he shall offer the second as a burnt offering according to the ordinance. And the priest shall make expiation for him on account of his sin which he has committed, and he will be forgiven. 11 But if he cannot afford two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, then he shall bring as his offering for that which he has sinned, the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it nor put any frankincense upon it, for it is a sin offering. 12 And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as its memorial portion and burn it on the altar, upon Jehovah's offerings by fire; it is a sin offering. 13 And the priest shall make expiation for him concerning his sin that he has committed in any of these things, and he will be forgiven. And the rest shall be the priest's, like the meal offering.*

- A. We commit many sins—Rom. 3:23; Lev. 5:1–4; 6:2–5

Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Leviticus 5:1–4 *1 And if anyone sins in that he hears the voice of adjuration when he is a witness, whether he has seen or known about a matter, if he does not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity. 2 Or if anyone touches any unclean thing, whether the carcass of an unclean animal or the carcass of unclean cattle or the carcass of unclean swarming things, and it escapes his notice, and he is unclean, then he will be guilty. 3 Or if he touches the uncleanness of man, whatever his uncleanness is with which he becomes unclean, and it escapes his notice, when he comes to know it, then he will be guilty. 4 Or if anyone swears rashly with his lips to do evil or to do good, whatever it is that a man utters rashly with an oath, and it escapes his notice, when he comes to know it, then he shall be guilty in one of these things.*

Leviticus 6:2–5 *2 If anyone sins and acts unfaithfully against Jehovah and deceives his associate in regard to a deposit or a security, or by robbery, or has extorted from his*

associate, **3** Or has found a lost item and lied about it, if he has sworn falsely in any one of all these things a man may do and sins thereby; **4** Then if he has sinned and is guilty, he shall restore that which he took by robbery, or the thing which he got by extortion, or the deposit which was entrusted to him, or the lost item which he found, **5** Or anything about which he has sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in full, and shall add to it a fifth part of it. He shall give it to the one to whom it belongs, on the day he is found guilty.

- B. Christ bore all our sins on the cross for our redemption—1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18; Heb. 9:22, 28; Eph. 1:7

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you, first of all, that which also I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the spirit.

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are purified by blood according to the law, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 9:28 So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time to those who eagerly await Him, apart from sin, unto salvation.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace.

- C. In fellowship with God under His enlightenment, we confess and repent of our sins to be cleansed by the blood of Christ as our trespass offering—1 John 1:5-7; Lev. 5:5; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19; Prov. 28:13

1 John 1:5-7 **5** And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth; **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

Leviticus 5:5 And when he is guilty in one of these things, he shall confess that in which he has sinned;

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and turn, that your sins may be wiped away.

Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his transgressions will not prosper: but whoever confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

- D. The trespass offering is most holy signifying that Christ is most holy in dealing with sins in our conduct—Lev. 7:1-2, 6-7

Leviticus 7:1-2, 6-7 **1** And this is the law of the trespass offering; it is most holy; **2** In the place where they slaughter the burnt offering they shall slaughter the trespass offering, and its blood he shall sprinkle on and around the altar. . . . **6** Every male among the priests may eat of it; it shall be eaten in a holy place; it is most holy. **7** The trespass offering is like the sin offering; there is one law for them: The priest who makes expiation with it shall have it.

Experiencing Christ as our Meal Offering

I. The elements of the meal offering—Lev. 2:1–13

Lev. 2:1–13 *1 And when anyone presents an offering of a meal offering to Jehovah, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it. 2 Then he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests, and he shall take from it his handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all its frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as its memorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah. 3 And what is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a thing most holy of Jehovah's offerings by fire. 4 And when you present an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. 5 And if your offering is a meal offering baked on a flat plate, it shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, unleavened. 6 You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a meal offering. 7 And if your offering is a meal offering made in a pot, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. 8 And you shall bring to Jehovah the meal offering that is made of these things and present it to the priest, and he shall bring it to the altar. 9 And the priest shall take up from the meal offering its memorial portion and shall burn it on the altar, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah. 10 And that which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a thing most holy of Jehovah's offerings by fire. 11 No meal offering that you present to Jehovah shall be made with leaven, for you shall not burn any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to Jehovah. 12 You may present them to Jehovah, as an offering of firstfruits, but they shall not be offered up for a satisfying fragrance on the altar. 13 And every offering of your meal offering you shall season with salt, and you shall not omit the salt of the covenant of your God from your meal offering; with all your offerings you shall present salt.*

A. Fine flour signifying Christ's humanity (v. 1)—John 12:23b–24; 6:35; Matt. 26:26

John 12:23b–24 *The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

John 6:35 *Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.*

Matt. 26:26 *And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is my body.*

1. The Lord's human living and daily walk as recorded in the gospels is beautiful, excellent, fine, perfect, even, tender, gentle, and balanced with no excess or deficiency.
2. Mark 1:21–22, 23a, 25, 29–32, 34a, 35 shows the Lord's diligence. Diligence is one of 30 items of character which include our being genuine, exact, strict, diligent, broad, fine, stable, patient, deep, pure, just, calm, single, corporate (together), open, affectionate, ardent (eager), accommodating (helpful), strong, pliant (flexible), submissive (obedient), suffering, lowly, poor, steadfast, enduring, bearing, clear, magnanimous (generous), grave (serious)

Mark 1:21–23a, 25, 29–32, 34a, 35 *21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately, on the Sabbath, He entered into the synagogue and taught. 22 And they were astounded at His teaching, for He taught them as One having authority and not like the scribes. 23 And immediately, there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out ... 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet and come out of him! . . . 29 And immediately, going out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. 30 And Simon's mother-in-law was lying down with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her. 31 And He came to her and raised her up, holding her hand, and the fever left her, and she served them. 32 And when evening fell and the sun had set, they brought to Him all those who were ill and those who were demon-possessed. 34 And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, . . . 35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still night, He went out and went away to a deserted place, and there He prayed.*

3. The fine flour is the base upon which the Holy Spirit is poured, mingled and anointed.
- B. Oil signifying the Spirit of God—Christ’s humanity has been mingled with His divinity—Luke 4:18; Heb 1:9; Matt. 3:16; John 1:32.

Luke 4:18 *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed.”*

Heb 1:9 *“You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy above Your partners.”*

Matt. 3:16 *And having been baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him.*

John 1:32 *And John testified saying, I beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He abode upon Him.*

- C. Frankincense signifying the fragrance of Christ in resurrection—John 11:25

John 11:25 *Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live.*

- D. No leaven signifying there is no sin or any negative thing in Christ—Lev. 2:4- 5; 1 Cor. 5:6- 8; 2 Cor. 5:21

1 Cor. 5:6-8 *6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed. 8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

2 Cor. 5:21 *Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

- E. No honey signifying no natural affection or goodness—Lev. 2:11

- F. Salt signifying the death of Christ—Lev. 2:13

- G. Fire for testing and acceptance by God—God has accepted Christ as His satisfying food—Lev. 2:4- 9; 1 Cor. 3:12- 15

1 Cor. 3:12-15 *12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble, 13 The work of each will become manifest; for the day will declare it, because it is revealed by fire, and the fire itself will prove each one’s work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone’s work which he has built upon the foundation remains, he will receive a reward; 15 If anyone’s work is consumed, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

II. The meal offering as food for both God and man—Lev. 2:2- 3

- A. Cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, wafers anointed with oil, fine flour on the griddle or in a pan—vv. 4- 10

- B. A small portion with all the frankincense first enjoyed by God

- C. The remaining portion of the offering enjoyed by the priests

- D. Enjoying Christ’s human living as our food—John 6:57

John 6:57 *As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.*

III. In the meal offering we see that the Lord is concerned with our person

- A. He wants us to be proper persons with a proper character so, through His divine arrangement and our willingness to cooperate with Him, He regulates and trains us that we might grow in life and mature in function for His service

B. He wants us to enjoy Christ's humanity, the highest humanity that is strengthened and uplifted by the divine attributes, as our food and to live by another Person, His person—Gal. 2:20; Phil 1:21; Acts 9:4-5

Gal. 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*

Phil 1:21 *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

Acts 9:4-5 *4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? 5 And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute.*

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Experiencing Christ as our Peace Offering

I. The offerings are for the worship of God

Leviticus 3:1-5, 11, 14-16 1 And if his offering is a sacrifice of peace offerings, if he presents it from the herd, whether male or female, he shall present it without blemish before Jehovah. 2 And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and slaughter it **at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting**, and Aaron's sons the priests shall **sprinkle the blood on and around the altar**. 3 And from the sacrifice of peace offerings he shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah, the fat that covers the inward parts and all the fat that is on the inward parts; 4 And the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is on the loins; and the appendage on the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys. 5 And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar **upon the burnt offering**, which is on the wood that is on the fire; it is an offering by fire, **a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah**. . . . 11 And the priest shall burn it on the altar; **it is the food of the offering by fire to Jehovah**. . . . 14 And he shall present his offering, as an offering by fire to Jehovah, the fat that covers the inward parts and all the fat that is on the inward parts; 15 And the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is on the loins; and the appendage on the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys. 16 **And the priest shall burn them on the altar; it is the food of the offering by fire for a satisfying fragrance; all the fat is Jehovah's.**

- A. The offerings are God's food; i.e., for God's enjoyment, to satisfy God—Lev. 3:5, 16
- B. The offerings are a present to God—Lev. 3:1, 3, 14; 7:11, 30
- C. We have to bring the offering with our own hands—Lev. 7:30
- D. God is hungry. Do you satisfy God?

II. Christ as our peace offering is our peace with God and men—Col. 1:20-22; Rom. 5:1

Colossians 1:20-22 20 And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross**—through Him, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens. 21 And you, though once alienated and enemies in your mind because of your evil works, 22 He now has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you *holy and without blemish and without reproach before Him.*

Romans 5:1 *Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- A. We can only offer the peace offering in the tent of meeting—Lev. 3:2
- B. We lay our hands on the peace offering (indicating that we are one with the offering) by exercising our spirit—Lev. 3:2; 1 Cor. 6:17
- C. The blood of the peace offering is not sprinkled inside the holy place (cf. Lev. 4:4-7) but around the altar, indicating that the blood of the peace offering is not for God but for *us*—Lev. 3:2; Heb. 9:14; Rev. 12:10-11a

Revelation 12:10-11a 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 **And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb**

- D. The peace offering is based on the burnt offering and is the issue of the meal offering—Lev. 3:5; 7:12-13; cf. the sequence of the offerings in Lev. 1-5 and 6-7

III. The peace offering is a matter of fellowship—Lev. 7:15-16; 1 Cor. 10:16, 18

Leviticus 7:11-16, 19b-21, 29-34 11 Now this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings that one shall present to Jehovah: 12 If he presents it for a thanksgiving, then he shall present with the sacrifice of thanksgiving **unleavened cakes mingled with oil** and unleavened wafers anointed with oil and saturated cakes of fine flour mingled with oil. 13 With cakes of leavened bread he shall present his offering with the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving. 14 And from it he shall present one out of each offering as a

heave offering to Jehovah; **it shall belong to the priest** who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings. 15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of **his peace offerings** for thanksgiving **shall be eaten** on the day of his offering; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. 16 But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow or a freewill offering, **it shall be eaten** on the day that he presents his sacrifice, and on the next day what remains of it shall be eaten; . . . 19 . . . **anyone who is clean may eat** such flesh. 20 But the person who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which belong to Jehovah, with his uncleanness upon him, that person shall be cut off from his people. 21 And when anyone touches any unclean thing, the uncleanness of man or an unclean beast or any unclean abomination, and eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which belong to Jehovah, that person shall be cut off from his people. . . . 29 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, He who presents the sacrifice of his peace offerings to Jehovah shall bring his offering to Jehovah out of the sacrifice of his peace offerings. 30 **His own hands shall bring Jehovah's offerings by fire**; the fat with the breast he shall bring, that the breast may be waved as a wave offering before Jehovah. 31 And the priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but **the breast shall be for Aaron and for his sons**. 32 And the right thigh you shall give to the priest for a heave offering out of the sacrifices of your peace offerings. 33 The one among the sons of Aaron who presents the blood of the peace offerings and the fat **shall have the right thigh as his portion**. 34 For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons for a perpetual statute to be observed by the children of Israel.

1 Corinthians 10:16, 18 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ? . . . 18 Look at Israel according to the flesh. Are not those who eat the sacrifices those who have fellowship with the altar?

A. There are five parties involved in this fellowship

1. All the fat that is on the inward parts, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and the appendage on the liver (the inward hidden parts of Christ) are for God—Lev. 3:3-5, 9-11, 14-16
2. The right shoulder (the strong part) and part of the cakes are for the offering priest—Lev. 7:14, 33-34
3. The breast (the loving part) is for all the priests, the functioning ones, the serving ones—Lev. 7:31, 34
4. The meat is for the presenter—Lev. 7:15-16
5. A portion of the meat is for all the cleansed ones—all the people of God who are clean—Lev. 7:19-21

B. The Lord's table meeting is the reality of the peace offering in the Old Testament—1 Cor. 10:16, 18

C. The peace offering is holy—Lev. 7:20-21

D. Our enjoyment of the peace offering in the Lord's Table meeting is based on our daily experience of the burnt offering and the meal offering

E. How much we enjoy of the peace offering depends on whether or not we function as priests

F. The peace offering is a *feast of joy*—Num. 10:10; Deut. 27:7; Luke 15:23

Numbers 10:10 Also on your **days of rejoicing** and at your appointed feasts and at the beginnings of your months, **you shall blow the trumpets** over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a reminder on your behalf before your God; I am Jehovah your God.

Deuteronomy 27:7 And you shall sacrifice peace offerings and eat there, and you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God.

Luke 15:23 And bring the fattened calf; slaughter it, and let us eat and be merry.

