Atonement – Volume 1

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One All-Sufficient Sacrifice – Part 1 – 4274

I. Introduction

- A. Old Testament Day of Atonement provided only a covering of sin
- **B.** New Testament
 - 1. Central issue is taking away sin (Heb. 10:3–4)
 - 2. Putting away sin (Heb. 9:26 [compare John 1:29])
- **C.** The Bible presents:
 - 1. The diagnosis of the human problem: sin
 - **2.** The cure (remedy): atonement
- **D.** The cross
 - 1. A sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf
 - **a.** Priest and sacrifice in one (Heb. 7:27)
 - **b.** Jesus offered Himself through the eternal Spirit to God the Father (Heb. 9:13–14, 28)
 - 2. Unique and central to the Christian faith—it anchors Christian faith to history
- E. Preach Christ crucified (1 Cor. 1:25)
 - 1. The weakness of God is stronger than men
 - **2.** The foolishness of God is wiser than men
- **F.** One complete, all-sufficient sacrifice (Heb. 10:14)
 - **1.** Perfect, complete, forever
 - **2.** Appropriation is progressive (continuing present tense)
- **G.** Three successive themes
 - 1. What the cross did for us
 - 2. What the cross must do *in* us
 - **3.** How to *appropriate* what God has provided

Perfected Forever - Part 2 -

II. Personal Testimony

- **A.** Hospital in Egypt—the "slough of despond"
- **B.** Three main stages of healing
 - 1. Romans 10:17
 - **a.** "Faith *cometh*"
 - **b.** "By hearing"
 - **c.** "The Word of God"
 - **2.** The work of the cross (Gr. *tetelestai*)
 - **a.** A perfect work
 - **b.** Perfect in every respect
 - **c.** Perfect in every aspect
 - d. By one sacrifice He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified
 - 3. God's medicine bottle
 - **a.** Proverbs 4:20–22
 - (1) Attend to My words—undivided attention
 - (2) Incline thine ear—be teachable
 - (3) Let them not depart from thine eyes—unwavering focus on the Word of God
 - (4) Keep them in the midst of thine heart—keep your heart with all diligence
 - **b.** "Taking" the medicine
 - (1) Three times daily, after meals
 - (2) Activate your faith (Jas. 2:26) Faith is an act

A Divinely Ordained Exchange - Part 3 4275

III. The Divinely Ordained Exchange

- **A.** The cross is central to all God's provision—Isaiah 53:6 the center of the center
- **B.** The final 27 chapters of Isaiah—three main sections of 9 chapters each:
 - 1. Chapters 40 through 48
 - 2. Chapters 49 through 57
 - 3. Chapters 58 through 66
 - 4. All end with God's judgment on the wicked
- C. Center chapter is 53—add 52:13–15—makes 5 sets of three verses:
 - **1.** 52:13–15
 - **2.** 53:1–3
 - **3.** 53:4–6—middle set
 - **4.** 53:7–9
 - **5.** 53:10–12
- **D.** Isaiah 53:4–6—the middle of the middle

- **1.** Surely *He* (emphasized)
- 2. Root problem of all humanity—all have turned to their own way—iniquity, rebellion
- **3.** On Jesus was laid the *iniquity* (rebellion) of us all (Heb. *avon*)

All the evil consequences of rebellion as well

- a. Punishment (Gen. 4:13)
- **b.** Punishment (1 Sam. 28:10)
- c. Punishment, evil consequences (Lam. 4:6, 22)
- **4.** An exchange took place at the cross
 - a. All the evil came upon Jesus that all the good might come upon us
 - **b.** God's grace
 - **c.** Receive by believing only
- **E.** Two titles of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:45, 47)
 - 1. The last Adam—the total evil inheritance came upon Him
 - 2. The second man—by resurrection became Head of the new "Immanuel race"
- **F.** Rebellion and its consequences (Is. 1:5–6)—fulfilled in Jesus on the cross (Is. 52:13–14 [compare NIV])

Forgiveness and Healing - Part 4 -

IV. Aspects Of The Exchange (Is. 53:4–5)

- **A.** Punished vs. forgiven
 - 1. Result: Peace with God (Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:19–21)
 - 2. Thus provided redemption (being bought back) (Eph. 1:7 [Rom. 7])
- B. Wounded vs. healed
 - 1. Infirmities and sicknesses—all were healed (Matt. 8:16–17)
 - **2.** We *were* healed (1 Pet. 2:24)
 - **3.** Healing is a part of salvation
 - **a.** "Made well" = saved (Matt. 9:21–22)
 - **b.** "Made well" = saved (Mark 6:56)
 - **c.** "Healed" = saved (Luke 8:35–36)
 - **d.** Brought back from the dead = saved (Luke 8:47-50)
 - e. "Made well" = saved (Acts 4:8-10)
 - **f.** "Preserve me" = save (2 Tim. 4:18)
 - **4.** We must not neglect so great a salvation (Heb. 2:3)

Sin vs. Righteousness - Part 5 4276

IV. Aspects Of The Exchange (cont'd.)

- **C.** Sin vs. righteousness
 - 1. Sins = sinful acts committed Sin = evil nature (power) that causes us to commit sins
 - 2. The sin of humanity transferred to Jesus' soul (Is. 53:10)

- 3. God's righteousness in exchange for our sinfulness (2 Cor. 5:21)
- **4.** The exchange pictured (Is. 61:10)
 - **a.** Salvation = God clothes us with the garments of salvation
 - **b.** Righteousness through the robe (justified)
 - (1) Acquitted
 - (2) Not guilty
 - (3) Reckoned righteous
 - (4) Made righteous
 - (5) "Just-as-if-I'd" never sinned
- 5. God's answer to Satan's accusations
 - **a.** Righteousness from God (Is. 54:17)
 - **b.** Satan's weapon: guilt—we overcome by our testimony (Rev. 12:10–11)

Death vs. Life - Part 6 -

- **D.** Death vs. life
 - 1. Wages vs. free gift (Rom. 6:23)
 - a. Jesus took the wages due to us: death
 - **b.** Jesus tasted death for every man (Heb. 2:9)
 - (1) Died as the "last Adam"
 - (2) Arose as the "second man"
 - 2. Divine justice of the Old Testament
 - **a.** Life for life, eye for eye, etc. (Ex. 21:23–25 [Deut. 19:21]). Life = soul (Heb. *nephesh*)
 - **b.** The life is in the blood (Lev. 17:11); the soul resides in the blood
 - **c.** Jesus poured out His soul to the death in His blood (Is. 53:12 [compare Is. 53:10])
 - **3.** Jesus' provision
 - **a.** Jesus came to give us life (John 10:10)
 - **b.** Jesus offers us *life* in His *blood* (John 6:53–57 [1 Cor. 10:16])—we feed on the blood of Jesus by taking communion

Curse vs. Blessing - Part 7 4277

IV. Aspects Of The Exchange (cont'd.)

- E. Curse vs. blessing (Gal. 3:13–14)
 - 1. The blessing of Abraham: Blessed in *all* things (Gen. 24:1)
 - 2. "Bewitched" Christians (Gal. 3:1–10)
 - **a.** They lost the vision of the cross
 - **b.** Main aim of Satan: to obscure the cross where Jesus defeated him (Col. 2:13–15)
 - **c.** Results of witchcraft:
 - (1) Becoming carnal

- (2) Becoming legalistic
 - (a) The attempt to achieve righteousness with God by keeping a set of rules
 - **(b)** Adding any requirement for righteousness to what God has already stated in His Word
- (3) Results in a curse (Gal. 3:10)
- **3.** The nature of blessings and curses
 - **a.** Words charged with supernatural authority and power—continuing from generation to generation (Listed in Deut. 28)

Blessings	Curses	
Exaltation	Humiliation	
Reproductiveness	Failure to reproduce/barrenness	
Health	Sickness of every kind,	
	especially hereditary	
Prosperity, success	Poverty, failure	
Victory	Defeat	
Head, not tail	Tail, not head	
Above, not beneath	Beneath, not above	

- **b.** Indications of a curse
 - (1) Mental and/or emotional breakdowns
 - (2) Repeated or chronic sicknesses (especially hereditary)
 - (3) Female problems (barrenness, miscarriages, menstrual problems)
 - (4) Breakdown of marriage and family alienation
 - (5) Financial insufficiency
 - (6) Accident prone
 - (7) History of suicides or unnatural deaths

Release From Curses – Part 8 –

- **3.** The nature of blessings and curses (cont'd.)
 - **c.** Essence of a curse: frustration:
 - (1) A dark shadow from the past, family related, shutting off the sunlight of God's blessing
 - (2) A long evil arm which trips you up or pushes you out of the way
 - **d.** Common causes of curses:
 - (1) Idolatry (the primary cause) and the realm of the occult
 - (2) False religions and secret societies—includes covenants with people who worship false gods, e.g. Freemasonry
 - (3) Wrong attitude to parents
 - (4) Injustice to the weak and helpless, i.e. abortion
 - (5) Anti-Semitism (cursing the Jewish people)
 - (6) Self-imposed curses; i.e., "I wish I were dead," "I can't handle this"
 - (7) From people with relational authority, i.e. parents, husbands

- (8) Servants of Satan, e.g. Witch doctors, shamans, etc.
- **4.** The only basis for release (Gal. 3:13–14)

Steps to take:

- a. Recognize
- **b.** Repent (from personal involvement or on behalf of family members)
- c. Renounce
- **d.** Forgive others
- e. Release

Poverty vs. Abundance – Part 9 – 4278

IV. Aspects Of The Exchange (cont'd.)

- **F.** Poverty vs. abundance (2 Cor. 8:9)
 - 1. Abundance: Being able to meet your needs with a surplus for others
 - **2.** Poverty is a curse (Deut. 28:47–48: Absolute poverty)—totally fulfilled in Jesus on the cross:
 - **a.** Hungry
 - **b.** Thirsty
 - **c.** Naked
 - **d.** In need of all things: Buried in borrowed robe in a borrowed tomb
 - **3.** Grace provides abundance (2 Cor. 9:8)
 - **4.** Three levels:
 - a. Insufficiency—not enough for what you need
 - **b.** Sufficiency—just enough for what you need
 - c. Abundance—more than enough for what you need
 - **5.** More blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35)
 - a. Do not "tip" God
 - **b.** Giving is a part of worship
 - **6.** A higher order of riches
 - **a.** Prov. 8:18—Enduring riches
 - **b.** Prov. 13:7—Material poverty producing enduring riches
 - c. 2 Cor. 6:10—Pattern of Paul

Shame vs. Glory – Part 10 –

G. Shame vs. glory

- 1. Jesus endured the sufferings (Heb. 2:10)
 - a. That we might come into His fullness
 - **b.** To bring many sons to glory
- **2.** Jesus endured the cross and despised the shame (Heb. 12:2 [compare 2 Tim. 2:10])—God's glory may entail giving up convenience and comfort
- **3.** He became a shameful sight (Is. 53:3) The "Spirit of Christ" spoke through Ps. 69:4, 8, 9, etc. [1 Pet. 1:10–11]

- 4. Exposed on the cross (Matt. 27:35–36)
- **5.** Causes of shame
 - **a.** Embarrassing experience(s)
 - **b.** Shameful act(s) committed
 - c. Sexual molestation (especially in childhood)
- **6.** You are freed from shame when you can lift up your face to God (Job 11:15; 22:26)
- 7. To receive the exchange: Give thanks to the Lord for bearing your shame
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