

Christ the Perfect Sacrifice  
**HEBREWS 10: 5-18**

# Confession Vs. Atonement

- Justification and Daily sinning.
- How can we reconcile the sacrifice for sins by Christ (once and for all time and all sin) with the need to confess our sins?

# The Old Testament Teaches Forgiveness of Sin for the Believing Israelite

- The Bible clearly teaches that Christians should seek forgiveness.
- The penitential psalms (Ps. 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143), where the psalmist is demonstrating the heart of a justified believer when he seeks forgiveness. In each case the psalmist is already a believer, fully forgiven.

# Psalm 51

- Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.  
<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity  
And cleanse me from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
And my sin is ever before me.  
<sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, I have sinned  
And done what is evil in Your sight,  
So that You are justified when You speak  
And blameless when You judge.

# Christ Taught Asking and Giving Forgiveness

- - In the gospels, Christ taught believers to ask the Father to forgive their sins ([Matt. 6:12](#); [Mark 11:25](#); [Luke 11:4](#)). Some of those to whom He spoke were already born again.
  - “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matt. 6:12)
  - “Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.” (Mark 11:25)

# Continual Confession of Sin

- In 1 John 1, the verb tenses show that confession and forgiveness should be a continuous experience. I John 1:7
  - <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- Verse 7 literally reads, "The blood of Jesus His Son *keeps cleansing* us from all sin,"
- Verse 9 likewise says, "If we are continually confessing our sins." Those to whom John wrote were already fully forgiven believers (See I John 5:13).

# Why Pray for Forgiveness?

- But the question remains: Why are you supposed to seek God's forgiveness if He has already justified you?
- If justification takes care of sin past, present, and future, so there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ ([Rom. 8:1](#)), why pray for forgiveness?
- Aren't you praying for something that is already yours?

# Atonement vs. Forgiveness

- 1. Judicial Forgiveness – The judgment that does not come to you and me. JUDICIAL JUDGMENT
- 2. Parental Forgiveness – The fellowship with the Father broken by sin. The Father's discipline and the believing son or daughter's restoration to close fellowship



## Judicial Forgiveness

- Deals with sin's penalty
- Frees us from condemnation
- Provides the right to go before the throne of grace
- Deals with sin's ultimate penalty

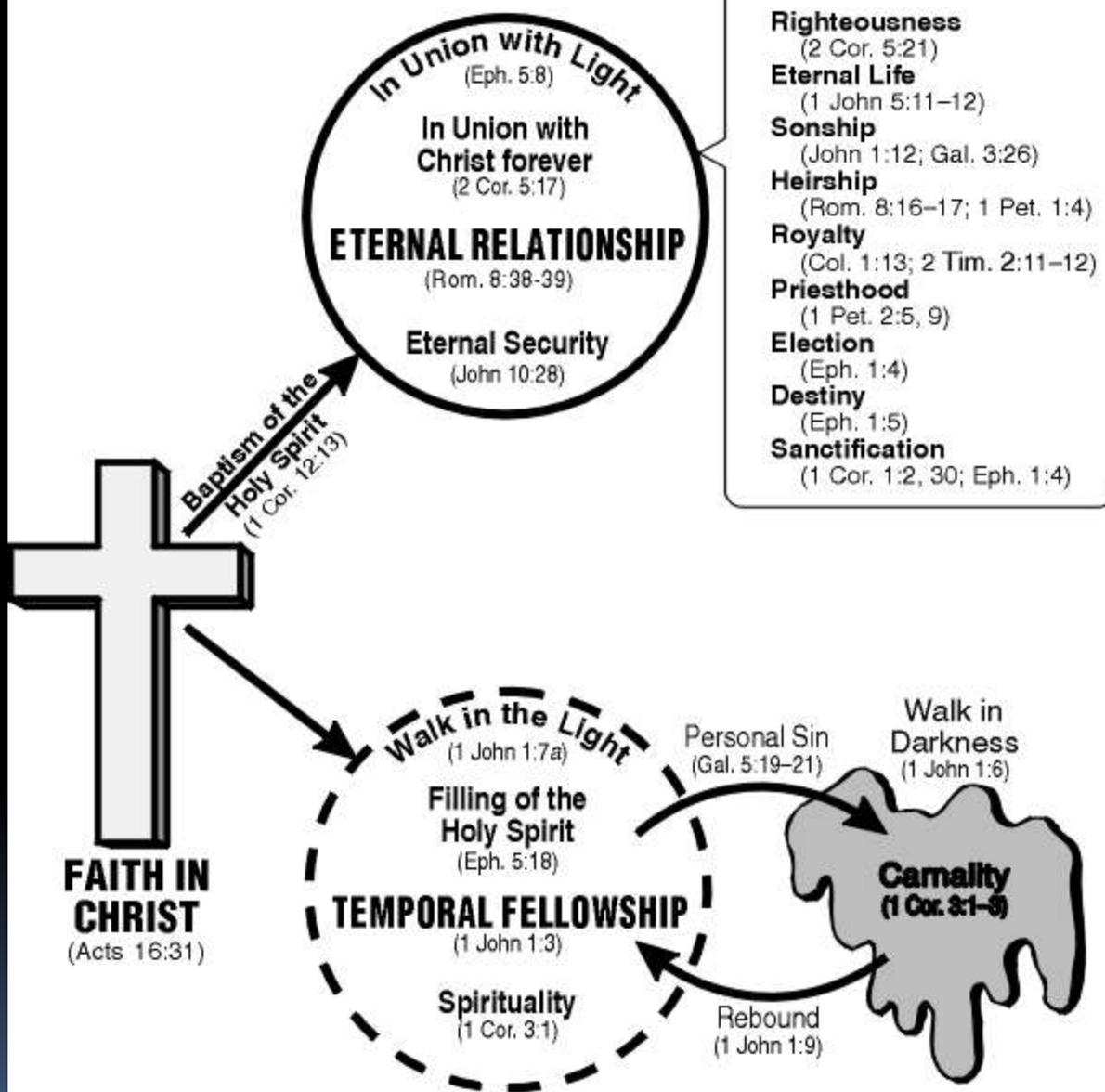
## Parental Forgiveness

- Deals with sins consequences
- Sets us right with a grieved and displeased loving father
- Deals with our Christian growth at any given moment
- Deals with sins consequences

# Hebrews 12: 5-11

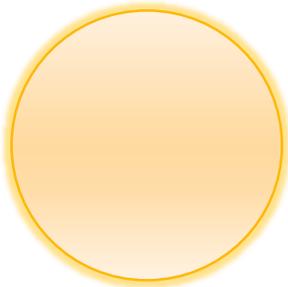
- 5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! 10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Status of Believer in Top Circle: PERMANENT



Status of Believer in Bottom Circle: TEMPORARY

Eternal Life, Justification  
Based on Christ's  
Atonement (John 10:28)



**Fellowship I John 1:9**



## Hebrews 10:6-8

5 Therefore, when He comes into the world He says,  
“Sacrifice and offering You have not desired,  
But a body You have prepared for Me; [My ears you have  
dug, or pierced.]

6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have  
taken no pleasure.

7 “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come  
(In the scroll of the book it is written of Me)  
To do Your will, O God.’”

8 After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole  
burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired,  
nor have You taken pleasure in them” (which are offered  
according to the Law),

# The Failure of the Sacrificial System

- The old sacrificial system was ineffective because it could not:
  - 1. Bring access to God;
  - 2. It couldn't remove sin;
  - 3. It couldn't renew the inner person, it was all external display

# Sacrificial System Compared to the Sacrifice of Christ

- Christ's sacrifice was effective because:
- 1. It was God's will all along.
- Psalm 40:6-8
  - Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;  
My ears You have opened;  
Burnt offering and sin offering You have not  
required.  
7 Then I said, "Behold, I come;  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
8 I delight to do Your will, O my God;  
Your Law is within my heart."

# A Body Was Formed by God

- Hebrews references Psalm 40:6:
  - “Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;  
**My ears You have opened [or have dug, or possibly pierced];**  
Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.  
7 Then I said, “Behold, I come;  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
8 I delight to do Your will, O my God;

## Sacrificial System Compared to the Sacrifice of Christ

- The effectiveness, the perfection, the superiority, the sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice.
- 1. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient because it fulfilled God's design.

# Sacrificial System Compared to the Sacrifice of Christ

- Christ's sacrifice was effective:
- 2. ...because it replaced the old system. God takes away the first so that He may establish the second.
- V. 9 "then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second." [the pronouns here now refer to Jesus Christ].

# Sacrificial System Compared to the Sacrifice of Christ

- 3. The new sacrifice is better because it sanctifies the believer. The old sacrificial system could not make a person Holy.
- Verse 10: "By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

## Sacrificial System Compared to the Sacrifice of Christ

- 4. The sacrifice of Christ actually removes sin.
- <sup>11</sup> Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; <sup>12</sup> but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,
- This work is unrepeatable, it cannot be duplicated. It removed sins, once for all for those who believe in Christ.

# Sacrificial System Compared to the Sacrifice of Christ

- 5. Christ's sacrifice destroyed His enemies.
- <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. (quoting Psalm 110:1)

# Sacrificial System Compared to the Sacrifice of Christ

- 6. His Sacrifice was perfect because it perfected the saints for all time.
  - <sup>14</sup> For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
- The Sacrifice of Christ does not need to be repeated or re-accomplished. It is not like the constant sacrifices in the old covenant. This sacrifice provided an eternal forgiveness.

# Sacrificial System Compared to the Sacrifice of Christ

- 7. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ fulfills the promise of God for a new covenant.
- The sacrifice affirms God faithfulness and trustworthiness.
- He honors and fulfills His word.

# The New Covenant (the New Testament)

- Jeramiah 31: 31-34
- 31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,<sup>32</sup> not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. 33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

# Looking Forward – Looking Back

- The old testament Jewish believers looked forward, in faith, to the fulfillment of this promise and the new testament saints look back to that fulfillment.
- God's sacrifice of His Son is perfect and all we need to do is believe in it.
- There is no longer any need for any offering for sin. V. 18
- <sup>18</sup> Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

# There is No Longer Any Offering for Sins

- *He then says,*
- **17 “AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.”**
- **18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.**