

Why Christ Had to Die

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Introduction



Today,
we will talk about the sacrifice of Christ.



We will try to examine why Christ had to die
to redeem mankind.



This is a timely message as Christendom celebrates and remembers the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



If God is all loving, all compassionate, all mighty, all-powerful, if He is omnipotent and can do all things, why can't God institute salvation by fiat?



On the night Jesus was betrayed, after having the last supper with the apostles, Jesus together with Peter, James and John went to the Garden of Gethsemane.



There, Jesus prayed three (3) times to the Father in heaven imploring if the cup of suffering, referring to His sacrifice, could be mollified, eased or taken away.



Matthew 26:36-46

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.



Matthew 26:36-46

38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, **if it is possible**, may this cup **be taken from me**. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”



Matthew 26:36-46

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter.

41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”



Matthew 26:36-46

42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, **if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it**, may your will be done.”

43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.



Matthew 26:36-46

44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, **saying the same thing.**

45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”



We all know the Father's answer.
It was a NO!



Jesus suffered and died the day after as
prophesied in scripture.



How can The Father allow His son to die?
Why can't God decree salvation for all by
declaring everyone sinless?
Why did Christ have to die?



This afternoon's discussion will be a doctrinal study of the Bible.



It is hoped that at the end of this Bible study,
everyone will have a deeper
understanding of God's love, mind and the
reason for Christ's sacrifice.



We hope that this will further enrich your
Christian life and your walk with God the
Father and His son Jesus Christ.



Perhaps the most beloved verse in the Bible is John 3:16. Most Christians can recite this particular verse from memory.



Let us recite the verse from memory
together.



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”



Prophecies about Christ



The death and sacrifice of Christ has been prophesied in the Old Testament writings.



Prophet Micah, Hosea, Joel, Jeremiah,
Isaiah, Daniel, David and Moses
prophesied the coming of Christ.



Today, let us visit two accounts – one in
Isaiah and another in Genesis.



Isaiah 53 was written by the Prophet Isaiah
700 years before the birth of Christ. Here
is a detailed and accurate prophetic writing
about the role, birth and sacrifice of Christ:



Isaiah 53

1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?



Isaiah 53

2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground. He had
no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should
desire him.



Isaiah 53

3 He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.



Isaiah 53

4 Surely **he took up our pain and bore our suffering**, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.



Isaiah 53

5 But **he was pierced for our transgressions,**
he was **crushed for our iniquities;** the
punishment that brought us peace was on
him, and **by his wounds we are healed.**



Isaiah 53

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the **LORD** has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



Isaiah 53

7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was **led like a lamb to the slaughter**, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.



Isaiah 53

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For **he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.**



Isaiah 53

9 He was **assigned a grave with the wicked**, and with the rich in his death, though he **had done no violence**, nor was any deceit in his mouth.



Isaiah 53

10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the **LORD makes his life an offering for sin**, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.



Isaiah 53

11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.



Isaiah 53

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because **he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**”



The other writing is by Moses in the Book of Genesis. Moses prophesied coming of Jesus who is to destroy the devil's work.



Genesis 3:15

3 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; **he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.**



Revelation 13:8

In the New Testament, Apostle John wrote in Revelation 13:8 “...the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.”



Both the Old and the New Testaments spoke about the prophetic nature of Jesus Christ and His ultimate sacrifice for mankind.



Why was Jesus' suffering and death prophesied since the time of creation?



To understand this, we need to understand three (3) things:

1. Understand God's law and the relationship between the law, sin and death
2. Understand the sacrificial system
3. Understand Jesus as the Passover Lamb of God



God's Law



God's law is simple. It is God's given instructions. Sin is the violation of such instructions.



These verbal or oral instructions were eventually encoded by God with His very own fingers at Mt. Sinai and given to Moses on two stone tablets.



There was an original instruction that God gave to the first couple, Adam and his wife Woman.



Eve was the name Adam gave his wife after the fall. We will come to that a bit later.



The story of Adam and Eve can be found in
Genesis 2 and 3.



Genesis 2

7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.



Genesis 2

9 The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



Genesis 2

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;



Genesis 2

17 but **you must not eat** from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it **you will certainly die.**”

18 The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”



Genesis 2

21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.



Genesis 2

23 The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘**woman,**’ for she was taken out of man.”



Genesis 3

- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,



Genesis 3

3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' ”

4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.



Genesis 3

5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



Genesis 3

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.



Genesis 3

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



Genesis 3

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.



Genesis 3

9 But the LORD God called to the man,
“Where are you?”

10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I
hid.”



Genesis 3

11 And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”



Genesis 3

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”



Genesis 3

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this, “Cursed are
you above all livestock and all wild
animals! You will crawl on your belly and
you will eat dust all the days of your life.



Genesis 3

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and **between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.**”



No one knows what the serpent was. Many presume it was a snake since it crawls on its belly.



Also, people have the tendency to crush the head of the snake and the snake would strike at the heel of man. This description may seem to favor the interpretation that the serpent was a snake.



But, in truth no one really knows. More important is the prophecy about Christ coming to destroy the work of Satan and Satan to strike at the heel of Jesus.



Genesis 3

16 To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”



Genesis 3

17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.



Genesis 3

18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”



Genesis 3

20 Adam named his wife **Eve**, because she would become the mother of all the living.

21 The LORD God made **garments of skin** for Adam and his wife and clothed them.



The narration that LORD God made **garments of skin** for Adam and his wife and clothed them is very interesting.



Where did the garment of skin come from?



God made it. God might have killed an animal for the skin garment. It may very well be the first sacrificial offering.



Genesis 3

22 And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

23 So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.



Genesis 3

24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.



Adam and Eve did not die on the day they
ate the fruit of the knowledge of good and
evil.



Does this mean that Satan was right and
God was wrong? Does this mean that
God's word failed?



No. Death came into the world that day.
Adam and Eve did not drop dead because
God had mercy on them.



Instead, an animal sacrifice died in their places as atonement for their sin. The blood of the animals covered their sins so that they did not die that day. That was how sin and death came into the world.



Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.



God's law is simple. Disobedience to God is a sin. Adam committed the first sin.



Romans 6:23

In Romans 6:23 Paul wrote: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



1 Corinthians 15:56

And again in 1 Corinthians 15:56, “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.”



The Sacrificial Law



The scripture says that the wages of sin is death. In ancient times, God provided a system to remind and teach people about sin and the consequence of sin.



The system is known as the “sacrificial law”
and the practice is known as “sin offering.”



The sin offering provided a way to momentarily cover the sins and provided an avenue for forgiveness.



The instruction is written in
Leviticus 4:27-35.



Leviticus 4:27-35

27 “ ‘If any member of the community sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the LORD’s commands, when they realize their guilt



Leviticus 4:27-35

28 and the sin they have committed becomes known, they must bring as their offering for the sin they committed a female goat without defect.



Leviticus 4:27-35

29 They are to **lay their hand on the head** of the sin offering and slaughter it at the place of the burnt offering.



Leviticus 4:27-35

30 Then the priest is to **take some of the blood** with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.



Leviticus 4:27-35

31 They shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar as an aroma pleasing to the LORD. In this way the **priest will make atonement for them, and they will be forgiven.**



Leviticus 4:27-35

32 “ ‘If someone brings a lamb as their sin offering, they are to bring a female without defect.



Leviticus 4:27-35

33 They are to **lay their hand on its head** and **slaughter it for a sin offering** at the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered.



Leviticus 4:27-35

34 Then 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 pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.



Leviticus 4:27-35

35 They shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the lamb of the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar on top of the food offerings presented to the LORD. In this way the priest will **make atonement** for them for the **sin** they have committed, and they **will be forgiven**.



The sinner would lean on the sheep, lay his hand on the head of the lamb and confess his sins.



So there is a symbolic transfer of the man's sin and guilt to the lamb. Symbolically, the lamb took the sin of the man and died in his stead.



The practice of the sacrificial law started when Adam sinned. Cain and Abel followed it and it continued down through history to the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God re-instituted it at the time of the Exodus and it continued until the death of Jesus Christ.



The sacrificial law taught and reminded the Israelites that death is the penalty of sin and blood had to be shed.



The sacrificial law points to Jesus Christ as
the Lamb of God.



Romans 3:25-26

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—



Romans 3:25-26

26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.



The Lamb of God



John has a unique perspective about the role of Christ. He knew that Jesus is the Lamb of God.



John 1:29-36

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, **the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’



John 1:29-36

31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.



John 1:29-36

33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."



John 1:29-36

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw **Jesus** passing by, he said, “Look, the **Lamb of God!**”



In the heavenly realm, Jesus is portrayed as the Lamb of God who is the shepherd of God's people – the saints.



Revelation 7:17

For the **Lamb at the center of the throne**
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes.’”



This is a great truth, a unique insight and a
divine perspective.



Jesus is the Lamb of God because God made Him an atonement for the sins of the world. God the Father sacrificed Christ as the Passover Lamb.



1 Corinthians 5:7

7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For **Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**



Therefore, in God the Father's perspective
and in the spiritual realm of things, Jesus
is the Lamb – The Passover Lamb – of
God who takes away the sin of the world!



The ancient sacrificial law was not abolished. Christ fulfilled the sacrificial law. Christ is the ultimate sacrifice – the Lamb of God!



The sacrificial law of ancient Israel was a shadow that points to the reality that is Christ.



Hebrews 10 eloquently talks about it. It is a great spiritual insight from the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews – most probably Apostle Paul.



Hebrews 10

1 The **law is only a shadow** of the good things that are coming—**not the realities** themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.



Hebrews 10

2 Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.

3 But those sacrifices are **an annual reminder of sins.**



Hebrews 10

4 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, **when Christ came into the world**, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;



Hebrews 10

6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

7 Then I said, ‘**Here I am**—it is written about me in the scroll— **I have come to do your will, my God.**’ ”



Hebrews 10

8 First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—**though they were offered in accordance with the law.**

9 Then he said, “**Here I am, I have come to do your will.**” He sets aside the first to establish the second.



Hebrews 10

10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the **sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.



Hebrews 10

12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool.



Hebrews 10

14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

16 “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”



Hebrews 10

17 Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

18 And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.



The ancient sacrificial law points to Christ as
the messiah and savior.



Hebrews 9:23-28

23 It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.



Hebrews 9:23-28

24 For **Christ** did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.



Hebrews 9:23-28

25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.



Hebrews 9:23-28

26 Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages **to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.**



Hebrews 9:23-28

27 Just as people are destined to die once,
and after that to face judgment,

28 so **Christ was sacrificed once to take
away the sins of many**; and he will appear
a second time, not to bear sin, but **to bring
salvation to those who are waiting for him.**



Jesus is the lamb of God and as the Passover sacrificial lamb, He took all our sins as God laid upon Him all the sins of the world. Peter said in 1 Peter 2:24-25.



1 Peter 2:24-25

24 “**He himself bore our sins**” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “**by his wounds you have been healed.**”

25 For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



2 Corinthians 5:20

20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



Salvation by Redemption



God's solution to salvation is through redemption. Since the law says that disobedience to God leads to death, there is a need for a redemptive sacrifice to fulfill the law.



The law that the penalty of sin is death was first established in the Garden of Eden.
Paul understood that as he wrote
Romans 5:12-14.



Romans 5:12-14

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way **death came to all people, because all sinned—**



Romans 5:12-14

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.



Romans 5:12-14

14 Nevertheless, **death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses**, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.



Paul said, 'not because the 10
Commandments were not encoded, there
was no sin.



On the contrary, sin was in the world since the time of Adam. Disobedience and lawlessness can be nothing but evil and sin.



And the penalty of sin is death. Death reigned from the time of Adam until Moses. God's unchallengeable law applies in spite of any written moral code. The law says "the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.



Therefore, the only way to rescue mankind
is not to ignore or abolish the law, but to
fulfill the requirement of the law, which is
death.



There is a divine justice system in place.
The divine justice says: the penalty of sin
is death



To fulfill this divine justice, Christ died for us
– he died in our stead. He took our
iniquity upon Himself and He paid it for us.
He became our Passover Lamb. We were
bought by the blood of Christ.



The word “redemption” means the purchase back of something that had been lost by the payment of a ransom.



The Greek word is “apolutrosis”, always with the idea of a ransom or a price paid.



Matthew 20:28

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.



The New Testament presents Christ's sufferings under the idea of a ransom or a price paid, and the result is a purchase back or redemption.



1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 You are not your own;

20 you were **bought at a price**. Therefore honor God with your bodies.



Gal. 3:13

- 13 **Christ redeemed us** from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”
- 14 **He redeemed us** in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.



Ephesians 1: 7-8

- 7 In him we have **redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace
- 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,



The process of salvation is redemption. The death penalty against us is not simply cancelled, but is **fully paid**.



Christ's blood or life is the “ransom” that was paid to secure our freedom from the penalty of death.



The doctrine of Scripture is that “Christ’s death fulfills the divine justice, as a compensation for sin, and as a ransom from the authority of the law, thus purchasing us from death and reconciling us to God.”



That is salvation by redemption. That is the reason why Christ Had to die.



Why Christ?



Knowing the immense importance of fulfilling the law on divine justice, we come to understand and appreciate why the redemptive sacrifice has to be Christ.



No man or angel is worthy of this role. It has
to be the Son of God.



1. It cannot be a mere man because it is man who needs salvation. At best, we can only die for our own sin. Scripture says we cannot die for the sins of another.



Psalm 49:7-9

7 No one can redeem the life of another or
give to God a ransom for them—

8 the ransom for a life is costly, no
payment is ever enough—

9 so that they should live on forever and not
see decay.



2. It cannot be an angel because angels are servants of God. Today they are sent to administer to God's people. But in the future, man will be more powerful than the angels. Therefore, a lesser being can't save a greater being. In fact, at the end of the age, it is man who will judge the angels.



1 Corinthians 6:2-3

2 Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?

3 Do you not know that **we will judge angels?** How much more the things of this life!



Therefore, angels do not have the moral authority to redeem mankind.



The redeemer had to be Christ. Hebrews chapters 1-2 is exceedingly clear on this point.



Hebrews 1

- 1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the **prophets** at many times and in various ways,
- 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by **his Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.



Hebrews 1

- 3 The **Son is the radiance of God's glory** and the exact representation of his being, **sustaining all things by his powerful word.** After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
- 4 So he became as **much superior to the angels** as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.



Hebrews 1

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father” ? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son” ?

6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”



Hebrews 1

7 In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.”

8 But **about the Son** he says, “Your throne, **O God**, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.



Hebrews 1

10 He also says, “In the beginning, Lord,
you **laid the foundations of the earth**, and
the **heavens are the work of your hands**.

11 They will perish, but you remain; they will
all wear out like a garment.



Hebrews 1

12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”



Hebrews 1

13 To which of the angels did God ever say,
“**Sit at my right hand until I make your
enemies a footstool for your feet**” ?

14 Are not all **angels ministering spirits** sent
to serve those who will inherit salvation?



Hebrews 2

9 But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he **suffered death**, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.



Hebrews 2

10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect **through what he suffered.**



Hebrews 2

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, **he too shared in their humanity** so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but **Abraham's descendants.**



Hebrews 2

15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but **Abraham's descendants.**



Hebrews 2

17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might **make atonement** for the sins of the people.



Hebrews 2

18 Because he **himself suffered** when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



Philippians 2: 6-8

6 Who, being in **very nature God**, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the **very nature of a servant**, being made in **human likeness**.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient to death—even death on a cross!**



Colossians 1: 15-20

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.



He is before all things, and in him all things
hold together.



Colossians 1

18 and he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the **firstborn from among the dead**, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

20 and through him to **reconcile to himself all things**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by **making peace through his blood, shed on the cross**.



Summation



Only one who is greater than the entire creation can redeem the world. He is the Son of God, the Chief Executive Creator of the universe, worthy to redeem the world.



And yes, He did die. He had to die.
Because we – you and I, sinned. He
needed to pay the price of death to
redeem us.



Jesus had to die because the
law had to be fulfilled.



The law says:
The penalty of sin is death.



The divine law of justice had
to be satisfied.



Christ came to pay the ransom,
the penalty of sin in order to
redeem us from death.



Christ came not to abolish the
law, He came to fulfill the law!



Jesus said in Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them
but to fulfill them.”



God the Father sacrificed His One and Only
Son so that we may live



