

## ***Biblical Theology: The Story of Scripture***

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### **Class 7: Sacrifice**

*What did Christ's sacrifice accomplish? What was he doing on the cross?*

#### **I. STORY OF SACRIFICE**

- 1) Cain and Abel in **Genesis 4**: an offering, a gift, a tribute.
  
- 2) Noah in **Genesis 8**: pleases God, averts wrath.
  
- 3) Abraham in **Genesis 22**: a test of devotion and a substitute.
  
- 4) Passover in **Exodus**: for a representative firstborn, a spotless lamb, and a set apart people.
  - Unblemished Lamb sacrificed
  - Smearing of its blood on the doorposts
  - Eating of its meat as a holy meal
  
- 5) The repeated sacrifices of **Leviticus**:

- 4) *Praise*– Heb. 13:15
  
- 5) *Prayer* – Ps. 141:2
  
- 6) *Faith* – Phil. 2:17
  
- 7) *Thanksgiving and Song* – Ps. 107:22
  
- 8) *Love [Covenant loyalty]* – Hos. 6:6a
  
- 9) *Knowing God* – Hos. 6:6b
  
- 10) *Giving to spread the Gospel* – Phil. 4:18
  
- 11) *Good deeds, sharing possessions* – Heb. 13:16
  
- 12) *Communion* – Heb. 13:10



**Goal:** Better understand Scripture and be shaped by its story.

**Schedule:**

**The Stories to be Told: Biblical Theology Displayed**

8. Mission

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*Based on a core seminar from Capitol Hill Baptist Church (DC).*

**Resources for Further Study:**

- *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (IVP), “Sacrifice,” by R.T. Beckwith, pp. 754-762.
- *From Eden to the New Jerusalem: An Introduction to Biblical Theology* by T. Desmond Alexander (IVP), pp. 121-137.

- Clean animals without defect.
- Every first-born Israelite, who represents the nation as whole, must be redeemed with a sacrificial substitute.
- The shedding of a blameless victim's blood.
- Substitution: "He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf..." (**Lev. 1:4**)
- Endless repetition.
- Peace offerings: eating the bread / food of God
- The Day of Atonement: to make atonement for sins.

6) **David** in 2 Sam 24 / 1 Chron 21: a mediator atones for sin.

God desires obedience and a contrite heart more than sacrifice: 1 Sam.15:22, Hos. 6:6, Micah 6:6-8, Ps. 51:16-17, Prov. 21:23

7) **Christ:** Christ fulfilled everything the OT sacrifices meant, and accomplished what they were unable to do.

- Passover Lamb – 1 Cor. 5:7, Jn. 19:36 (with Ex. 12:46)
- Lamb of God, slain – Jn. 1:29, Rev. 5:6
- Precious blood of Christ – 1 Pt. 1:18-19

## II. SYSTEMATIZING IT ALL

1) *The fundamental problem with the world and humanity is our sin and the guilt it incurs.*

2) *Christ came to die as a substitute*

3) *Christ came to die as a penal substitute.*

4) *Christ came to die as a penal substitute to propitiate the wrath of God.*

5) *Christ came to die as a penal substitute to propitiate the wrath of God and make atonement for his people.*

6) *Christ came to die as an effective penal substitute to propitiate the wrath of God and make atonement for his people.*

7) *We're saved by faith alone.*

8) *We're saved by faith alone in Christ alone.*

## III. ONE MORE SACRIFICE?

Rom. 12:1, 1 Pt. 2:5 – living sacrifice, offer spiritual sacrifices

1) *Personal devotion/holiness – Rom. 12:1*

2) *Confession of sin – Ps. 51:17*

3) *Personal worship – Heb. 12:28*