

The Sin Bearing Lamb of God

Rom 5:1-11

1. Intro

1. Last week we looked at Jesus as the Despised Lamb of God.
 1. We saw that he was mocked and ridiculed.
 2. The soldiers, religious leader, ordinary people and even the criminals crucified with Him, mocked and ridiculed Him.
 3. In all of these things He never retaliated, but was obedient to His Father and suffered the cross.
2. I have talked about Jesus being our example, and He is.
 1. We need to look to Him so that we can follow.
3. But before we do that we need to know that our sins have been dealt with, removed away. (S.I.N.)
 1. No amount of good work, just following Jesus' good example, will deal with our sin.

2. What Does the Future Hold?

1. Our world is fast moving and it seems that we may struggle just to get from day to day.
 1. We are on the treadmill of life.
2. It seems that our world continues to spiral downward.
 1. It sinks deeper into a moral quagmire; greed, selfishness, pride, sexual immorality, no value of life.
 1. As a result we can live in a state of despair and hopelessness.
3. Such is the state of S.I.N., and maybe we as Christians have made peace with living in such a state.
 1. It is too hard to overcome the things thrown at me, so I will just give in.
 2. So we sink into a state of despair, a place with no hope.
4. But there is a solution, and that solution is Jesus, a perfect man sent by God to not help us live with sin or cover it up under a guise of happiness; but to do away with our sin.
 1. To put us into a place where we are forgiven, no longer living in sin, but in holiness.

3. Mount Moriah Points to the Future.

1. Two things that Abraham and Isaac needed; hope and a future
 1. For Isaac was Abraham's future, and the future of God's promise.
 2. It is impossible to imagine the despair that must have gone through Abraham when he heard what God wanted him to do.
 3. And what about the words from Isaac: Father, where is the Lamb?(Gen 22:7)
2. It must have seemed to Abraham like God did not know what He wanted.
 1. Giving and then taking away. Was God for him or against him?
 2. God did not give Abraham and Isaac an easy out or a quick answer.
 1. Abraham arranged the wood, bound Isaac on the alter and had the knife ready to kill, before God intervened.
 2. And then He provided the Lamb.
 3. And so Abraham gave that place a new name. "The Lord will provide."
 3. We now know that what Abraham went through was only a preview for the real thing.

4. The Lord Provides

1. The Lamb God provided was to give us hope and a future.
 1. It took the horrible death of the cross.

2. For three days the disciples were in despair. (John 20:19)
 1. Their friend was gone, their hopes were dashed
 2. They were hiding out because they thought they were next.
3. But hidden under that apparent defeat was victory.
 1. Hidden underneath was the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)
2. And so has the Lord provided for us.
 1. And not just food and clothing and house and family, and all the things of this world and life that you need; He provided much more than that, He saved your very life. (10)
 2. For in truth, you are Isaac
 1. The one bound in sin, the one under the sentence of death. You are one stroke away from eternal condemnation
 2. But for you, God has provided the Lamb for the burnt offering.
 3. For you, God intervened and gave His Son in your place.
 4. While we were still sinners, while we were bound in sin on the altar of death, Christ died for us and saved us from the wrath of God. (8)
 5. He took your place, and set you free.
 1. Now our choice

3. Conclusion

1. So when the world asks, Where is our hope? Where is our future? We can say, "Here is the Lamb".
2. The resurrected Jesus gives us comfort for our fears, rest from our busy lives, respite for our souls, and solace in despair.
3. We see like Abraham not having the full picture until the very end.
4. God may bring us to the edge, but He will not let us fall. He sent His Son for that.
5. Now we have not despair, but hope and a future.
6. Jesus bore our sins away.
7. Now we are free to follow the example, Jesus, the Perfect Man of God.