

# The Necessity of The Atonement of Christ!

## Introduction:

In a special meeting in London, a man took an hymnal and cut out every reference to the blood of Christ. How tragic. Christ' death for us or for sin is found over 175 times in the New Testament.

Through out the Scriptures we know that the substitutionary vicarious death of Christ is set forth. It is seen in all the following verses:

I Pet. 1:18-19	Rom. 5:8
I Pet. 2:24	Col. 1:14
I Pet. 3:18	Eph. 1:7
Heb. 9:22	II Cor. 5:21
Heb. 9:25-26	Jh 1:29
Rev. 1:5	I Tim. 1:15
Rev. 5:9	Heb. 2:9
Gal. 3:13	Acts 3:18

Many would say that we have outgrown that *bloody religion... that the preaching of the blood as a means of salvation is inconsistent with our modern concept of the dignity of man and the love of God.* Some would say *away with such preaching, so it is not mentioned, even cut out of the song books, removed from print; and neglected in the pulpits of the world.*

Let us examine the facts and see whether this is only an lie, or is the substitutionary vicarious death of Christ scriptural. It is entirely in line with all human experience, and historic evidence. All human progress is build upon sacrifice, upon the lose of human blood, of the price of life itself. The lesson of history is universal for every worth-while object in life came not without sacrifice or even death for without exception a price was paid.

## I. HIS SACRIFICE -- BECAUSE OF THE HOLINESS OF GOD; Exod 15:11;

1. No one can understand the substitutionary death of Christ or it's importance, until he also knows something of the holiness of God.
2. God is infinitely righteous, just, and holy, and as such has a perfect hatred of sin. (I Pet. 1:15-23)
3. God's love is not the most important attribute of God. His holiness is for it is standard of His love and the foundation of His love. (Isa. 6:1-8)
4. God hates sin with a perfect hatred and would never allow a single sin to go unpunished. God is so holy He would never allow a single person in His presence whose sin is not covered. Think of Psalm 32:1-5.
5. We hear so little about God's holiness that we have a cheap, low concept of God. We fail to respect God and the things of God. So people even mock, make light of spiritual things, and joke about religious things for they think little of God.
6. God is perfect, absolutely pure, no spot or darkness in Him. He is pure... no darkness in Him at all, He is perfect light; He is the Holy Father, the Holy One and Just and the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 5:8-14)
7. Christ bore our sins, the full punishment to fulfill God's demands upon sin -- Rom. 3:24; 6:23

## II. HIS SACRIFICE -- BECAUSE OF THE AWFULNESS OF SIN:

### A. Reality of the Proof of Sin:

Isa. 53:6;	Rom. 3:9-18
Eph. 2:1-3	Rom. 5:12
II Cor. 5:21	Isa. 1:18

### B. Reality of the denial of sin;

1. Has it struck you how desperately hard the world tries to rid itself of even the thought of the word -- sin?
2. Basically the word has disappeared from the world's vocabulary -- not to be found in newspapers, magazines, or the accounts of violence, atrocities, murder, dishonesty, crime, theft, immorality, adultery, drunkenness, etc.
3. The Word **sin** is carefully avoided, the attempt is to consciously and unconsciously rid ourselves of the very word.
4. It is called a mere creature weakness, or a mere absence of good, or a step backward, or a mistake, or an upward fall of evolution (as some would call it.)
5. But sin is a vicious, selfish, filthy thing; it is rebellion against a Holy God, the root of all man's troubles.
6. As man denies sin, so he denies the results of sin and its eternal punishment. The wages of sin is death. (Rom. 5:12, 19; 6:23)

### C. Reality of the terribleness of sin:

1. Sin is not a little thing, but the cause of every sorrow in the world.
2. Sin blights lives, break homes, kills children, beclouds reason, slays the body, and damns the soul.
3. Sin in the home is the cause of its greatest battles, hearts are broken, tears are shed, lives are wrecked. We have impurity, evil imaginations, hated, bitterness, resentments, hostilities, scorn, doubt, and distrust.
4. In business world -- sin is at the base of all crookedness, exploitation of the poor, graft, cut throat practices, greed, polluted fortunes.
5. In the family of nations -- sin brings insecurity, starving widows, orphans abound, *so called ethnic cleansing is nothing but pure murder*. We have the cry of the wounded, the dying, the hungry, starved, cold -- because of the effect of clash of races, peoples, nations, etc.

### D. Reality of the terrible price of sin:

1. The history of mankind is the drama of the price of sin... even the Christian pays the price of lose of joy, fellowship, service, influence, etc.
2. Come with me to Calvary, and I will give God's dramatic picture of the

awfulness of sin. For what does God think of sin?

***Calvary shows us the terrible price of sin;***

Here is the most awful, conclusive proof of the gravity of sin. See what it took to pay the penalty for man's sin. Calvary reveals God's love for the sinner, but also His hatred of sin. Go to Gethsemane and to the Cross.

***God could not spare....***

*"For if God spared not the natural branches, Israel, take heed...."*  
Rom. 11:21

*"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell,."*  
II Pet. 2:4

*"And He spared not the old world, bringing the flood upon the world of the ungodly."*  
II Pet. 2:5

*"He spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all."* Rom. 8:32

***Will He spare you... if you reject His provision?***

**III. HIS SACRIFICE -- SHOULD MOVE US TO --**

**A. To Receive Christ as Lord and Savior:**

Jh 1:1-13; Rom 10:9-10; Jh 10:9; Rev. 3:

I Cor. 9:16; Acts 15:26

**B. To Live a Life of Sacrificial service: --**

**1. The necessity of yieldedness --** Rom. 14:9; I Cor. 9:16

**2. Giving willing sacrifice --** Acts 15:26

**3. Accepting God's call to sacrifice --** Rom. 12:1