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BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH PART 4 : "Understanding Reconciliation"

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

"Building Blocks of Faith" is a series of basic Christian beliefs. The studies will be kept as simple as possible. Those who are considering following Jesus will have the main issues of the Christian Faith explained. New Christians will gain an insight into what God has done in their life ... and why. Older Christians need to revisit the basics from time to time in order to check that what they are building is consistent with the blueprints! Part 1 of the Series; "Three Little Words" - Grace, Mercy and Peace. Part 2 - Two Studies on "Understanding God;" Part 3, three Studies on "Understanding Man."

Today we begin Part 4 - "Understanding Reconciliation." Today's Study is on the "Death of Jesus." Next Sunday, Pastor Jennifer explains "Repentance" and I will conclude this section on July 24 with "Saving Faith."

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S STUDY

.... places the death of Jesus within the flow of Biblical revelation. It asks the questions, "Why did Jesus die?" & "What did his death achieve?" First, let's revisit some material from previous studies.

1. While we share much in common with other living things, of all creation mankind is unique; we have a SPIRITUAL nature and were made for a PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with God; to enjoy his fellowship and presence.

Let us make man in our image. Gen1:26-27

They heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the cool of the garden and they hid from the Lord God but the Lord God called 'Where are you?' Gen3:8-9

2. Gen3:8-9 also tells us that something happened - to mar the image of God in us and to cause us to fear his presence. We doubted God's character and intent and declared our autonomy - from then on we would not recognise God's RULE over us and would live in open REBELLION.

".. did God really say you must not eat the fruit... you will not die God knows when you eat you will be like him, knowing good & evilthe fruit was good for food and pleasing to the eye, she took some and ate it . She gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. from Gen3:1-6

3. Consequently, all mankind have a SINFUL NATURE - a bias toward sin that works itself out in sinful actions. Spiritually, we are dead and are UNABLE to do anything to please God.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Rom3:23

"..sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin ... death came to all men, because all sinned." Rom5:12

"For the wages of sin is death" Rom6:23a

"The mind of the sinful man is death the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. Rom8:6-8

A. GOD TAKES THE INITIATIVE

.... you were dead in transgressions and sin. But God, who is rich in mercy, and because of his great love for us, made us alive with Christ. Eph2:1 - 5a (RSV)

1. God's Intent Is Clearly Seen In The Old Testament :

- a. God provides a COVERING for guilt

The Lord God provided garments of skin ... and he clothed them. Gen3:21

b. God provides a SUBSTITUTE sacrifice.

Abraham looked and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thorn bush he sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. **Gen22:13**

c. God provides an ESCAPE from his wrath

When the Lord God goes through the land ... he will see the blood on the top and sides of the door frame, he will pass over that hose and not permit the destroyer to enter and strike you down. **Ex13:23**

2. God's Plan Is Realised In The New Testament :

a. Before time : PLANNED Redeemed ... by the precious blood of Christ ... who was chosen before the creation of the world **1Pt1:18-20a**

b. In time : FULFILLED ... and revealed in these last times for your sake. **1Pt1:20b**
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ... **Jn3:16**

B. WHY DID JESUS DIE?

Sin is no petty issue; its consequence is death - Spiritual, Physical and Eternal.

1. The Old Testament Sacrificial system was set up by God to demonstrate :

the CONNECTION between Sin and Death (**Lev17:10-11**)

the NECESSITY for a spotless sacrifice (**Lev1:3, 3:1, 4:3**)

the IDENTIFICATION between the sinner and the sacrifice (**Lev1:4, 16:20-22**)

2. The Old Testament Sacrificial system was set up by God to POINT to Jesus

"We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." **Is53:6**

"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." **Jn1:29**

"The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many." **Mk10:45**

"Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."
1Pt1:19

Jesus died to satisfy the just demands of a holy God against sin and to demonstrate his love for the sinner - at the same time. Because he was a man without sin his sacrifice was accepted. Because he was the Eternal Son of God, his sacrifice was effective.

C. WHAT DID JESUS' DEATH ACHIEVE?

1. Turned aside God's Wrath (PROPITIATION)

"Jesus ... the atoning sacrifice for our sins" **1Jn2:2 (also 1Jn4:10)**

2. Paid the price for our sin (EXPIATION)

"Redeemed, not withsilver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ" **1Pt1:18**

3. Made us right with God (JUSTIFICATION)

"Since we have now been justified through his blood we were reconciled to him (God) through the death of his Son." **Rom5:9-10**

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver and gold that you were redeemed but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God." 1Pt1:18-21