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THE LAST LAMB

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Hebrews 10:11-12
And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

For millennia a long procession of innocent lambs was brought to sacred altars as sacrifices for human sin. We are not sure when the first lamb was offered, but it might have been as early as the Garden of Eden. After Adam and Eve sinned, Genesis 3:21 records that God made garments of skins and covered them. Since God ended His creative work on the sixth day of creation, it seems that God slew some animal(s) – perhaps a lamb – to make the garments. Later on when Israel became a nation God codified the of-

fering of lambs (along with other animals) for sin offerings (Leviticus 4). Whenever persons sinned, they would bring a lamb to the priest, lay their hands on the animal and then the lamb was killed in the stead of the guilty sinner. That ritual was a striking reminder of the awful consequences of sin (Ezekiel 18:20) – but it never really expunged the transgressor’s sins. In fact, according to Hebrews 10:11, priests were kept busy daily offering these sacrifices because they only provided temporary coverings for sin.

In the fullness of time, the Last Lamb appeared. Jesus, God the Son, came to earth as a human being, lived among us for just over thirty years, then journeyed to the cross and offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ death at Calvary was the final and true payment for sin. The lambs offered before provided only a temporary covering, but Christ paid the actual price for sin (Hebrews 10:12). 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 informs us that a man needed to die for sin since it was a man

(Adam) who brought sin into the world. A perfect sinless man had to die, and the only man who would ever fit that bill was Jesus Christ.

Since Christ died for our sins, we need not look to animal sacrifices, our good works, or any other method to find cleansing from our sins. Jesus offered Himself once for all so that all who accept Him and His payment by faith will be cleansed from sin and enter a right relationship with God.

Have you put your trust in this Final Lamb?

If you haven’t, receive Him today then share the good news with others.

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

SEP 5

Join us via Zoom video
 Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

SEP 8

In-person at church.
 For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

SEP 17

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

SEP 10

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
 Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

SEP 10

In-person service and Livestreaming on Facebook, Youtube and our webpage.

- Men’s Breakfast Saturday @ 9 am. Invite a friend and bring a dish to share for breakfast if you can.
- Middle Smithfield Street Clean Up is Saturday, Sept 23. Our team will meet at the Park & Ride at 8:30 am. Contact Tom for more details.
- Our church’s 15th Anniversary and Friend Day is October 1st. Invite a Friend!
- Sign up at the Information Counter to bring an item for our International Luncheon following our Anniversary and Friend Day Celebration.
- Men’s Retreat at New Life Island October 13-14th. See Ted for details.
- Help Needed: If you’d be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie’s daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit “SAVE” after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!