

**Christos anesti!**

**Alithos anesti!**

“He who was delivered over because of our transgressions,  
and was **raised because of our justification.**” *Romans 4:25*





**Session 12**

# **WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?**

**GOOD NEWS!**

**THE LAMB OF GOD HAS COME**



**Eternal  
King of  
Kings**

**The  
Prophet**

**Priestly  
King**

**Skull  
Crushing  
Seed**

**Jesus**

**Suffering  
Servant**

**Lamb  
of God**

**Great  
High  
Priest**

**Word  
Made  
Flesh**

**Messiah**

## Table Discussion

**Why do we call the day  
Christ was crucified  
“Good Friday”?**

## Table Discussion

**1 Peter 3:18**

**“For Christ also suffered once  
for sins, the just for the unjust,  
that He might bring us to God,  
being put to death in the flesh  
but made alive by the Spirit”**







# The Lamb of God Throughout the Bible

1. The **necessity** of the sacrificial lamb (Genesis 4:1-7)
2. The **provision** of the sacrificial lamb (Genesis 22)
3. The **slaying** of the sacrificial lamb (Exodus 12)
4. The **purity** of the sacrificial lamb (Leviticus)
5. The **suffering substitute** of the sacrificial lamb (Isaiah 53)
6. The **person** of the sacrificial lamb (John 1:29,35)
7. The **promised Christ** of the sacrificial lamb (Acts 8:26-37)
8. The **resurrection** of the sacrificial lamb (1 Peter 1:18-21)
9. The **enthronement** of the sacrificial lamb (Revelation 5)
10. The **kingship** of the sacrificial lamb (Revelation 21)

# Behold! The Lamb of God

**John 1:29** "The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, '**Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**'"

**1 Peter 1:18,19** "Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, **as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.**"

**1 Corinthians 5:7** "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. **For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**"

**Revelation 5:13** "And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, '**To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb,** be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.'"

**Revelation 13:8** "And all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the **Lamb who was slain.**"



# The Lamb of God Justifies

**Romans 5:9** “Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

**Justify** is to declare what is right, to pronounce what is correct and in accordance with the truth



# The Lamb of God Redeems & Purifies

**Titus 2:11-14** “**For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12** instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, **14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people** for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

**Redemption** is the action of buying back or repurchasing what was previously forfeited or lost.

**Purify** is the action of cleansing from stain & defilement



# The Lamb of God Ransoms

**Matthew 20:25-28** "But Jesus called them to Himself and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. **26** It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, **27** and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; **28** just as **the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**'"

**Ransom** is a price paid to secure the freedom of a slave or to set free from liabilities and charges, and generally the deliverance from calamity by paying the forfeit.



# The Lamb of God Cleanses

**1 John 1:7** “But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**”

**Hebrews 9:13,14** “For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more will **the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**”

**Cleanse** is to make pure from all defilement

# The Lamb of God Brings Peace

**Colossians 1:19,20** “For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, **20** and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

**Peace** is wholeness, harmony, the absence of conflict



# The Lamb of God Grants Access

**Ephesians 2:13** "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off **have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**"

**Brought near** is access to God, to make one able to approach the throne of God

# The Lamb of God Offers Communion

**1 Corinthians 10:16** “Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a **sharing in the blood of Christ?**  
Is not the bread which we break a **sharing in the body of Christ?**”

**Sharing** is fellowship, communion, participation and partnership



# The Lamb of God Substitutes

**Ephesians 5:1,2** “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; **2** and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and **gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.”**

**Substitute** is one who, or that which, is substituted or put in the place of another; one who acts for another; that which stands in place of something else

# The Lamb of God Overcomes

**Revelation 12:10,11** “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. **11** And they overcame **him because of the blood of the Lamb** and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”

**Overcome** is to carry off victory, to subdue and prevail



# The Lamb of God Reconciles

**Romans 5:10** “For if while we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled**, we shall be saved by His life.”

**Reconcile** is to cause to be friendly again, to restore to friendship; to bring back to harmony; to cause to be no longer at variance change from enmity to friendship. It is mutual, i.e., it is a change wrought in both parties who have been at enmity.

# The Lamb of God Propitiates [Atones]

**Romans 3:21-35** “But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **22** even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; **25** **whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith**. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed.”

**Propitiate [atone]** is the act of appeasing the wrath and making amends for the favor of an offended person, to remove guilt



# The Spotless Lamb of God

1. Christ claimed to be absolutely sinless. (John 8:46)
2. He prayed, but He never prayed for personal forgiveness.
3. He interceded on behalf of His disciples but He never exhorted them to intercede for Him.
4. He was often in the Temple, but He never offered sacrifice for Himself.
5. He was conscious of the sin of others, but not of any personal sin.
6. He never corrected those nearest to Him who believed He was sinless.
7. He sorrowed for the sin of the world, but He never sorrowed for His own sin.
8. He taught that all need to be born again, but He never hinted that He was born again, or that He needed such a change.
9. He was explicitly declared by the apostolic witnesses to be sinless (Heb. 4:15, 1 Peter 2:22; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:5)

# The Provision & Extent of the Lamb of God

1. **Christ died for all** (*2 Corinthians 5:15*)
2. **He tasted death for every man** (*Hebrews 2:9*)
3. **God so loved the world that He gave His only Son to save the world through him** (*John 3:16-18*)
4. **The Lamb of God took away the sins of the world** (*John 1:29; John 4:42*)
5. **Christ made justification available for all** (*Romans 5:18-20*)
6. **The Gospel is available and to be preached to every creature** (*Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 22:17*)
7. **God is not willing that any should perish** (*1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9*)
8. **God is no respecter of persons** (*Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34-35*)
9. **Christ is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world** (*1 John 2:2; 4:10*)



**Universal**

He died for **ALL** (1 Tim. 2:6).

He died for **ALL MEN** (Rom. 5:18; 1 Tim. 4:10).

He died for **US ALL**, for **ALL OF US** (Isa. 53:6).

He died for the **UNGODLY** (Rom. 5:6).

He died for **CHRIST-DENIERS** (2 Peter 2:1).

He died for **SINNERS** (Rom. 5:8).

He died for **EVERY MAN** (Heb. 2:9).

He died for **MANY** (Matthew 20:28).

He died for the **WORLD** (John 6:33,51; John 1:29 and John 3:16).

He died for the **WHOLE WORLD** (1 John 2:2).

He died for the **WHOLE NATION** of Israel (John 11:50-51).

He died for the **CHURCH** (Eph. 5:25).

He died for His **SHEEP** (John 10:11).

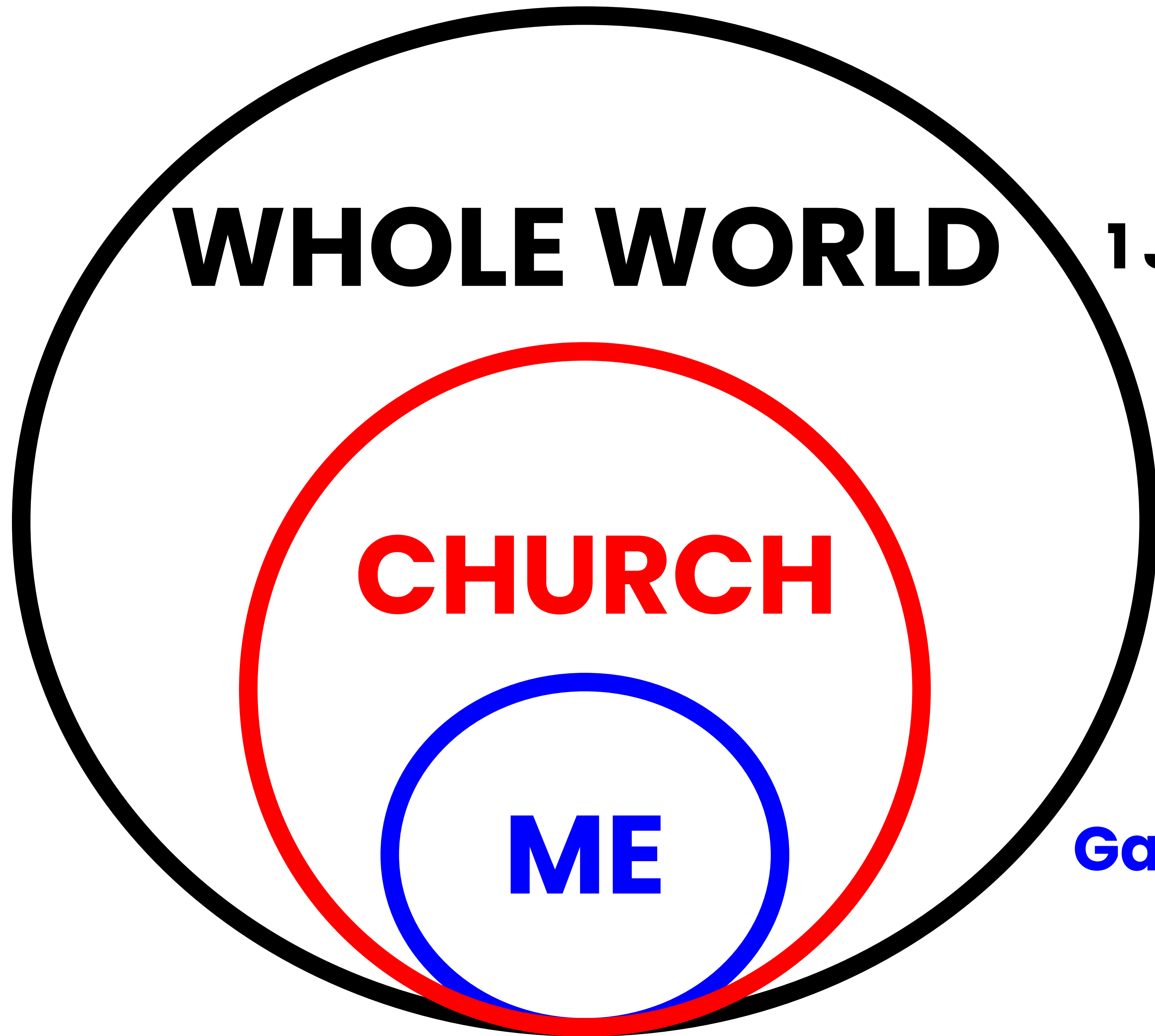
He died for **ME** (Gal. 2:20).

**Particular**





**For  
Whom  
Did  
Christ  
Die?**



**WHOLE WORLD**

**1 John 2:2**

**CHURCH**

**Eph. 5:25**

**ME**

**Gal. 2:20**

# 50 Reasons Jesus Came to Die (John Piper)

- 1. To Absorb the Wrath of God**
  - Gal 3:13; Rom. 3:25; 1 John 4:10
- 2. To Please His Heavenly Father**
  - Isa. 53:10; Eph. 5:2
- 3. To Learn Obedience and Be Perfected**
  - Heb. 2:10; 5:8
- 4. To Achieve His Own Resurrection**
  - Hebrews 13:20,21
- 5. To Show God's Grace & Love for Sinners**
  - Rom. 5:7,8; Joh. 3:16; Eph. 1:7
- 6. To Show His Own Love for Us**
  - Eph. 5:2,25; Gal. 2:20
- 7. To Cancel the Legal Demands of the Law**
  - Col. 2:13
- 8. To Become a Ransom for Many**
  - Mark 10:45
- 9. For the Forgiveness of Sins**
  - Eph. 1:7; Matt. 26:28
- 10. To Provide the Basis for our Justification**
  - Rom. 3:24,28; 5:9
- 11. To Perfectly Obey for the Sake of Our Righteousness**
  - Philip. 2:8; 3:9; Rom. 5:19; 2 Cor. 5:21
- 12. To Take Away our Condemnation**
  - Rom. 8:34
- 13. To Abolish Circumcision & Rituals for Basis of Salvation**
  - Gal. 5:11; 6:12
- 14. To Bring Us to Faith & Keep Us Faithful**
  - Mark 14:24; Jer.32:40
- 15. To Make Us Holy, Blameless & Perfect**
  - Heb. 10:14; Col. 1:22; 1 Cor. 5:7
- 16. To Give Us a Clear Conscience**
  - Heb. 9:14
- 17. To Obtain for Us All Things that are Good for Us**
  - Rom. 8:32
- 18. To Heal Us from Moral & Physical Sickness**
  - Isa. 53:5; Matt. 8:16,17
- 19. To Give Eternal Life to All Who Believe on Him**
  - Joh. 3:16
- 20. To Deliver Us from the Present Evil Age**
  - Gal. 1:4



# 50 Reasons Jesus Came to Die (John Piper)

## 21. To Reconcile Us to God

- Rom. 5:10

## 22. To Bring Us to God

- 1 Pet. 3:18; Eph. 2:13

## 23. So That We Might Belong to Him

- Rom. 7:4; 1 Cor. 6:19,20; Acts. 20:28

## 24. To Give Confident Access to Holiest Place

- Heb 10:19

## 25. To Become the Meeting Place for God

- John 2:19–21

## 26. To Replace Old Priesthood with New

- Heb. 7:23–27; 9:24–26; 10:11,12

## 27. To Become a Sympathetic High Priest

- Heb. 4:15,15

## 28. To Free Us from the Futile Ancestral Ways

- 1 Pet. 1:18,19

## 29. To Free Us from the Slavery of Sin

- Rev. 1:5,6; Heb. 13:12

## 30. That We Die to Sin & Live to Righteousness

- 1 Pet. 2:24

## 31. That We Die to Law & Bear Fruit for God

- Rom. 7:4

## 32. To Enable Us to Live for Christ & Not Ourselves

- 2 Cor. 5:15

## 33. To Make His Cross the Ground of All Our Boasting

- Gal. 6:14

## 34. To Enable Us to Live by Faith in Him

- Gal. 2:20

## 35. To Give Marriage Its Deepest Meaning

- Eph. 5:25

## 36. To Create a People Passionate for Good Works

- Tit. 2:14

## 37. To Call Us to Follow His Example of Costly Love

- 1 Pet.2:19–21; Heb. 12:3,4; Philip. 2:5–8

## 38. To Create a Band of Crucified Followers

- Luk 9:23; Matt. 10:38

## 39. To Free Us from Bondage to the Fear of Death

- Heb. 2:14,15

## 40. So That We Would Be with Him Immediately After Death

- 1 Thes. 5:10; Philip. 1:21,23; 2 Cor. 5:8

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- 41. To Secure Our Resurrection from the Dead**
  - Rom.6:5; 8:11; 2 Tim. 2:11
- 42. To Disarm the Rulers & Authorities**
  - Col. 2:14,15; 1 Joh. 3:8
- 43. To Unleash the Power of God in the Gospel**
  - 1 Cor 1:18; Rom. 1:16
- 44. To Destroy the Hostility Between the Races**
  - Eph. 2:14–16
- 45. To Ransom People from Every Tribe & Language & People & Nation**
  - Rev. 5:9
- 46. To Gather His Worldwide Sheep**
  - Joh. 10:16; 11:51,52
- 47. To Rescue Us from Final Judgement**
  - Heb. 9:28
- 48. To Gain His Joy & Ours**
  - Heb. 12:2
- 49. So That We Would be Crowned with Glory & Honor**
  - Heb 2:9; Philip. 2:7–9; Rev. 5:12
- 50. To Show That the Worst Evil is Meant by God for Good**
  - Acts 4:27,28



# THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRIESTS

1. Sacrifice these two animals to atone for the sins of the high priest and his family:



2. Get two goats. Choose one to be a scapegoat to bear the sins of the community. The other goat will be sacrificed.



3. Sacrifice these two animals to atone for the sins of the community:



4. Burn incense in the Most Holy Place and sprinkle the blood of the previous animal sacrifices onto the Ark of the Covenant.



5. The high priest is to verbally transfer the sins of the community onto the scapegoat.



6. A man will then lead the scapegoat far into the desert and abandon it to die.





# The Crimson Stain of our Sin



Leviticus 16:21,22

**“Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness. 22 The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.”**



MY GOD, MY GOD,  
WHY HAST THOU  
FORSAKEN ME?

MATTHEW 27:46



# The GOOD NEWS of the Sacrificial Lamb

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| 1. 2 Corinthians 5:21  | → | 1. Christ knew no sin                                |
| 2. 1 Peter 1:19        | → | 2. Christ is a spotless lamb without blemish         |
| 3. 1 Peter 2:22        | → | 3. Christ did no sin                                 |
| 4. Galatians 1:4       | → | 4. Christ died for our sins                          |
| 5. Romans 5:8          | → | 5. Christ died for sinners                           |
| 6. Romans 5:6          | → | 6. Christ died for the ungodly                       |
| 7. Ephesians 5:25      | → | 7. Christ died for the church                        |
| 8. Hebrews 9:28        | → | 8. Christ bore the sins of many                      |
| 9. 1 John 2:2          | → | 9. Christ died for the sins of the whole world       |
| 10. 2 Corinthians 5:21 | → | 10. Christ was made sin for us                       |
| 11. 1 Peter 2:24       | → | 11. Christ bore our sins in His own body on the tree |
| 12. 1 Peter 3:18       | → | 12. Christ suffered for sins once and for all        |
| 13. Hebrews 9:22       | → | 13. Christ shed his blood for the remission of sins  |
| 14. Isaiah 53:5        | → | 14. Christ was wounded for our transgressions        |
| 15. Romans 4:25        | → | 15. Christ was delivered for our transgressions      |
| 16. 1 Timothy 2:6      | → | 16. Christ gave Himself as a ransom for all          |



# GOOD NEWS! I know a Doctor...

"Bad News. I have an incurable terminal illness."

"I have Good News! I know a doctor."

1. *But...* **is the doctor able to heal me?**
2. *But...* **is the doctor willing to heal me?**
3. *But...* **is the doctor still practicing?**
4. *But...* **can I speak to the doctor?**
5. *But...* **can I afford the cost of the doctor to be healed?**
6. *But...* **can I fulfill all the necessary conditions to be healed?**
7. *But...* **will I still die as a result of being healed?**
8. *But...* **will the healing be permanent?**
9. *But...* **can I be healed now?**

# GOOD NEWS! I know a Savior!

“Bad News. I have an incurable terminal illness called ‘sin’.”

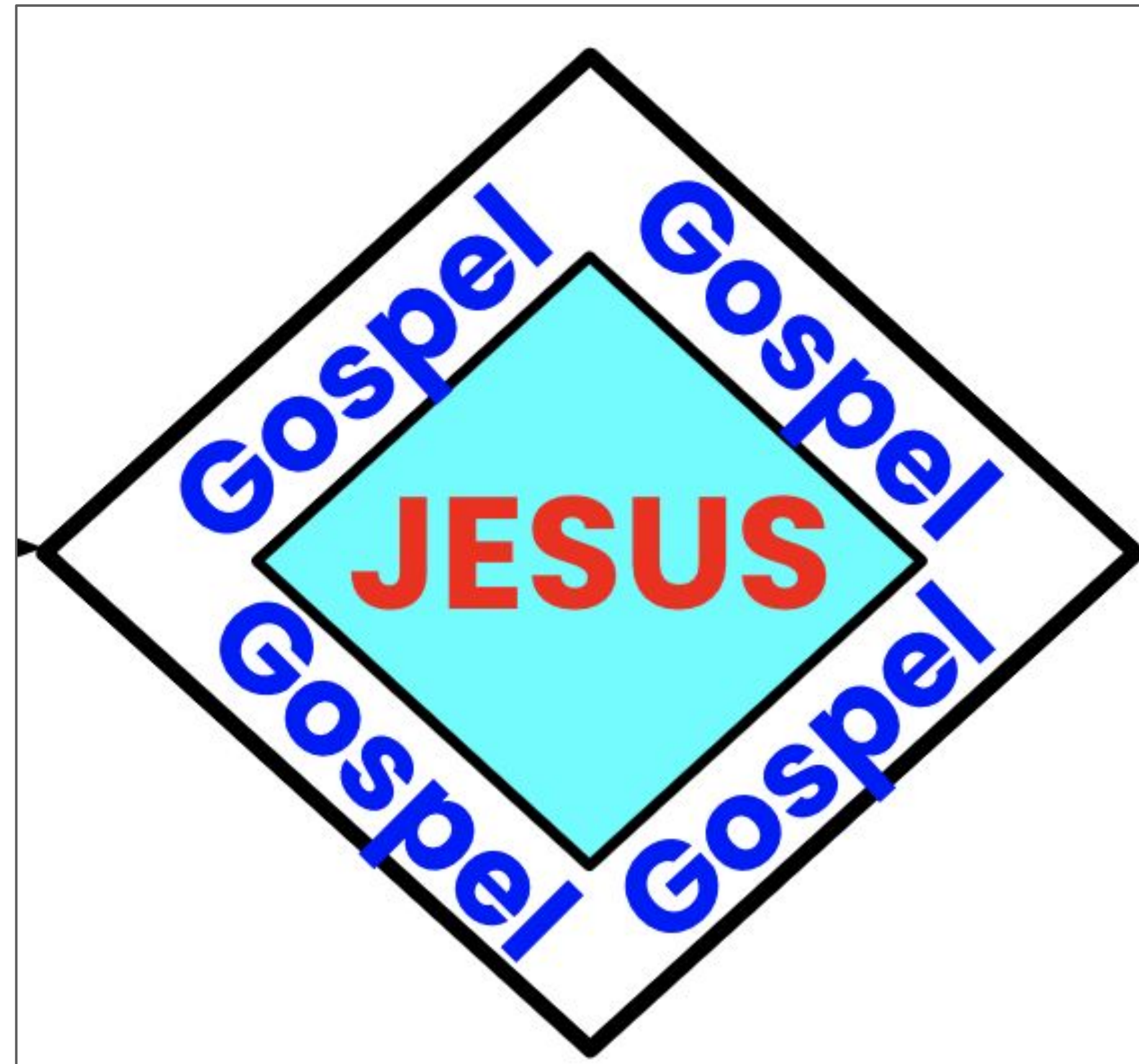
**“Good News! I know a Mighty Savior named Jesus Christ.”**

1. **Good News! Jesus Christ** is able to save you from your sin!
2. **Good News! Jesus Christ** is willing to save you!
3. **Good News! Jesus Christ** is alive to save sinners!
4. **Good News! Jesus Christ** wants to speak with you!
5. **Good News! Jesus Christ** paid the cost for your salvation!
6. **Good News! Jesus Christ** only requires your devoted love!
7. **Good News! Jesus Christ** gives you eternal life!
8. **Good News! Jesus Christ** is a permanent healer!
9. **Good News! Jesus Christ** can heal you now!

# WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

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**Final Week: GOOD NEWS! THE RESURRECTION GOSPEL**



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Gospel of the **Skull-Crushing Seed**

Gospel of the **King of Kings**

Gospel of the **Everlasting King**

Gospel of the **Word Made Flesh**

Gospel of the **Mighty Prophet**

Gospel of the **Word is God**

Gospel of the **Eternal Priesthood**

Gospel of the **Great High Priest**

Gospel of the **Kingdom of God**

Gospel of the **Lamb of God**

Gospel of the **Suffering Servant**

Gospel of the **Resurrection**

