

Round Top Church Christian Fellowship

Sermon Series in 2 Peter

*2 Peter 2*

*The Covenant Life*

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**2 Peter 2:1** But **false prophets** also arose among the people, just as there will also be **false teachers** among you, who will **secretly introduce** destructive heresies, even **denying the Master** who **bought** them, [\[Romans 3:23-26, 1 John 2:1 Propitiation\]](#) bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

This is the beginning of the third week since the Resurrection. I have witnessed that some have taken note of God's love for the world. Some have recognized that God so loved the world that He gave His earthly life in order for all of us to be eligible for eternal life in Heaven. The Cross is for all people (1John 2:2). This is called "General Atonement." By this, He paid the price for our sins, so we would not have to pay that price. His life for ours. WHY? This needs further explanation for many people.

**Mankind has a sin problem.** Many do not accept or see this problem. But, I say, look at the separation between man and God. Many people have chosen to live life separated from the purpose God has designed for them. Therefore, they have the law of *sin and death* ruling their life. And one more

thing, they *willingly pursue sin and death* of their own free will. In addition, for those who have gone too far, God has turned them over to their own desires (Romans 1:18 and following). They worship the creation (themselves) instead of the Creator.

Remember, the price of breaking the covenant is the spilling of blood. Many will say that they did not enter into a covenant with God. I mean, where is the contract I signed? However, God the Creator, entered all of us into His covenant. We do not have a choice in this. The reality in this creation is that we have *free-will choice* once we are here, but we did not have the choice to be born. Our parents made that decision for us. God is our Creator-Father who brought us into this world, who worked through our parents to make our lives come into being. God is the author of life. Therefore, WE ARE IN COVENANT WITH GOD WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. Like the law of physics, we are in subjection to the laws of this environment whether we like it or not. You can say and earnestly believe that you do not agree with the law of gravity, and, therefore, it does not exist, so you jump off the rim of the Grand Canyon. Your missed diagnosis of your environment ended your life. The reality of gravity and its consequences are inescapable and so is the sovereignty of God, The Creator.

Many do not want to surrender to God as their Lord. They say that there is no God and deny the Bible's source, authority and governance. Or there are those who claim to be Believers and then live life as they see fit. They misquote Scripture and lead others into rebellion. **Paul and Peter both warned against these people.** We see this by those who openly support or take an active role in abortion on demand and alternative partnerships. Many of these go to church and hold a Bible in their hand. They take communion and act as if they are in proper relationship with God. In addition, they hold us who place God and His Word as the guiding light to our lives in contempt. Clarification . . . we accept the truth of God's Word without self-serving interpretation. It is sad for those who were in church services three Sundays ago. But, they live rebellious destructive lives. God warns us about these people.

Proverbs 6:16 we have read many times.

<sup>16</sup> There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

<sup>17</sup> Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

<sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil,

<sup>19</sup> A false witness *who* utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

<sup>20</sup> My son, observe the commandment of your father, And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

<sup>21</sup> Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck.

<sup>22</sup> When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you.

<sup>23</sup> For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life,

Peter, the Jew, brings forth with him the entire Jewish history. It is worthy to review **Jeremiah 7 and 8** (God does turn away and not hear people who have crossed the line too far. Child sacrifice and abortion on demand is too far. Man needs propitiation).

**Queen of Heaven:** Jeremiah 7:18. This title referred to Ishtar, an Assyrian and Babylonian goddess also called Ashtoreth and Astarte by various other groups. She was viewed as the wife of the false god Baal, also known as Molech. The motivation of women to worship Ashtoreth stemmed from her reputation as a fertility goddess, the bearing of children was greatly desired.

In the Hebrew Bible, Tophet or **Topheth** (Hebrew: תּוֹפֶת; was a location in Jerusalem in the Gehinnom where worshipers following the ancient Canaanite religion performed human sacrifice of children to the gods Moloch and Baal by burning them alive.

The Bible tells the story of the Hebrew people rebelling against God many times. The prophets spoke against the people for God. Jeremiah is one such prophet who speaks against Judah. The Judeans had gone too far. Their sins against God were great and continuing. God holds them accountable and the Babylonian captivity is soon to come. The Hebrew people had turned away from God and listened to false prophets who led them astray. Any nation who listens to false teaching and does not turn back to God will eventually be destroyed.

### Jeremiah. 7:2-34

<sup>2</sup> "Stand in the gate of the LORD's house and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!'"

<sup>3</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.

<sup>4</sup> "Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.'

<sup>5</sup> "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor,

<sup>6</sup> *if* you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin,

<sup>7</sup> then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

<sup>8</sup> "Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail.

<sup>9</sup> "Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known,

<sup>10</sup> then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered!'-- that you may do all these abominations?

<sup>11</sup> "Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen *it*," declares the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> "But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

<sup>13</sup> "And now, because you have done all these things," declares the LORD, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer,

<sup>14</sup> therefore, I will do to the house which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.

<sup>15</sup> "And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the offspring of Ephraim.

<sup>16</sup> "As for you, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you.

<sup>17</sup> "Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

<sup>18</sup> "The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and *they* pour out libations to other gods in order to spite Me.

<sup>19</sup> "Do they spite Me?" declares the LORD. "Is it not themselves *they* *spite*, to their own shame?"

<sup>20</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and on beast and on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not be quenched."

<sup>21</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat flesh.

<sup>22</sup> "For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

<sup>23</sup> "But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.'

<sup>24</sup> "Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in *their own* counsels *and* in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.

<sup>25</sup> "Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending *them*.

<sup>26</sup> "Yet they did not listen to Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck; they did evil more than their fathers.

<sup>27</sup> "And you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will not answer you.

<sup>28</sup> "And you shall say to them, 'This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the LORD their God or accept correction; truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

<sup>29</sup> 'Cut off your hair and cast *it* away, And take up a lamentation on the bare heights; For the LORD has rejected and forsaken The generation of His wrath.'

<sup>30</sup> "For the sons of Judah have done that which is evil in My sight," declares the LORD, "they have set their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it.

<sup>31</sup> "And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and it did not come into My mind.

<sup>32</sup> "Therefore, behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when it will no more be called Topheth, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of the Slaughter; for they will bury in Topheth because there is no *other* place.

<sup>33</sup> "And the dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the sky, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will frighten *them away*.

<sup>34</sup> "Then I will make to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land will become a ruin.

Another spokesman for God is Ezekiel who speaks to the Hebrew people at a time when God chooses to restore them, and place them back in the Promise Land. Ezekiel writes between 592 B.C. and 570 B.C. The Babylonian captivity has just begun. Jeremiah, who we just read, lived to about the beginning of Ezekiel's ministry. Remember, Jeremiah warned Judah of the coming judgment of God beginning in about 626 B.C. Now the people are living the judgment, and God, through Ezekiel, points to a time of renewal. It would not be until about 537 B.C. when the Persian King Cyrus defeated the Babylonians and set the Jews free to return to their Promised Land (Ezra 1). The Temple would not be rebuilt and dedicated until about 515 B.C.

**Ezekiel 36. God demonstrates His plan for man and declares what He can do, but He still requires man to exercise his free-will choice to call Him.**

<sup>18</sup> "Therefore, I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols.

<sup>19</sup> "Also I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the lands. According to their ways and their deeds I judged them.

<sup>20</sup> "When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land.'

<sup>21</sup> "But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.

<sup>22</sup> "Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God, "It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.

<sup>23</sup> "And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD," declares the Lord God, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.

<sup>24</sup> "For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land.

<sup>25</sup> "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

<sup>26</sup> "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

<sup>27</sup> "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

<sup>28</sup> "And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

<sup>29</sup> "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you.

<sup>30</sup> "And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.

<sup>31</sup> "Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

<sup>32</sup> "I am not doing *this* for your sake," declares the Lord God, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"

<sup>33</sup> 'Thus says the Lord God, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.

<sup>34</sup> "And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passed by.

<sup>35</sup> "And they will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited.'

<sup>36</sup> "Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and will do it."



<sup>37</sup> 'Thus says the Lord God, "This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

<sup>38</sup> "Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they will know that I am the LORD. (Ezek. 36:18-38 NAS)

**God can put His Spirit in a person, but the person has to make the request. God makes himself known and man gets the opportunity to respond.**

<sup>ESV</sup> **Ezekiel 36:37** "Thus says the Lord GOD: This also **I will let** the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock.

<sup>KJV</sup> **Ezekiel 36:37** Thus saith the Lord GOD; **I will yet for this be enquired of** by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

<sup>NAS</sup> **Ezekiel 36:37** 'Thus says the Lord God, "**This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them:** I will increase their men like a flock.

<sup>RSV</sup> **Ezekiel 36:37** "Thus says the Lord GOD: **This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them:** to increase their men like a flock.

**Why did God automatically bring us into His covenant?** Because of His great incomprehensible love and grace. 1 John 4:8-10 tells us that God is love and that He gave himself for the propitiation of our sins. We observe that God created us with a choice (Gen 2:17). Obviously, God wants us to choose Him. However, we see that Adam and Eve did not choose God, and, therefore, the FALL. God created a path for us to return to Him. This path is called "Heart Circumcision" in Deuteronomy 30:6 and Re-born of Spirit in John 3. God wants this to happen to us so that we will love Him with all our heart and soul and that we may live. God states in Ezekiel 36 that He is going to put His Spirit in His people and give them a new heart.

**The word “propitiation” literally** states that God chose to spill His blood, not ours (1 John 2:2, Romans 3:26). God did this to make it possible for those of us who surrender to Him to be with Him for eternity. We are then able to follow Him through the Resurrection. The Gate has become wide-open due to our surrendering-faith. We Believers have not just bought into an insurance policy; we have heart-felt conviction. The Spirit of God lives in us guiding our lives. The fruit of our conviction, due to surrendering and acceptance of God’s sacrificial act, is an enhanced life now and an eternal life in Heaven. It is all about relationships. God wants to be with people who want to be with Him. Remember, those who do not surrender to the Cross still get to live forever also, just not with God and the saints in Heaven. They have chosen, by their own free will to be separate. This separation described in Luke 16 is a “great chasm.” The rich man can see Lazarus, but he cannot go over to him, and Lazarus cannot go to him. It is fixed. The rich man is in agony.

Luke 16:25-31 <sup>25</sup> "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

<sup>26</sup> 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.'

<sup>27</sup> "And he said, 'Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house--

<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

<sup>29</sup> "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

<sup>30</sup> "But he said, 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'

<sup>31</sup> **"But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.**

Therefore, just like Scripture proclaims, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead. So, we have not seen the world change from three Sunday's ago. You would expect that those who profess a belief in the Resurrection would stop their war with each other and against God. I mean, if a person really came to the realization that a man died, who was really God in the flesh, and walked out of a sealed-tomb and continued to minister for 40 days, the six-o'clock news would still be running the story.

We pray that the world surrenders to what they hear. Jesus tells Nicodemus in John three that unless a person is reborn of Spirit they cannot see or enter into God's Kingdom. We pray for an end to the strife. It is of note that we Believers, not by choice, are in conflict of some kind with the non-believing world. As a Christian culture, we are simply defending ourselves from those who do not choose to surrender to God. Remember surrendering to God brings an end to the enmity between God and man and between man and neighbor. Man, cannot get along with himself without God. Left to themselves man will destroy life. The majority of people on planet earth now have been born under the nuclear age. Mankind has the ability to destroy life on earth or make the environment not conducive to support life as God designed. This is all due to the hardness of people's hearts and false teachings.

The real issue with false teachers and prophets is that they, as a rule, take away from God as Jesus on the Cross. By this is meant that they teach that The Cross was not sufficient payment for our sins. If the Cross is not sufficient for our sins, then we have No propitiation. The Cross is the core mission for God since the Fall in Genesis 3. The Cross addresses the central defining life-changing need people have: Payment for sin - a price we cannot pay. Our blood is not sinless. Jesus is the unblemished sacrifice. The Cross necessitates the foundation reality that all have sinned and have fallen short of the Glory of God. This means that all are in need of The Savior. Note: I did not say "a" Savior, but I said "The" Savior. Therefore, *propitiation* is the key.

Buddha, Mohammad, Joseph Smith or any other religious leader did not come to earth in the form of a man to take away the sins of the world. When

people say that all these other religions are just as good and that they all lead to God then I say; “FOR WHAT?” To make you feel good, to make you accepted by family, society or culture? As well-intended another person believes that their life has been lived, it does not equal the value of the Life of God as Jesus Christ. No one else has *propitiated* for the sins of the world. The names often mentioned are people who were self-serving. Their false teachings lead to death and destruction, and the people who follow them are caught up in an earn-your-salvation bondage. They are never set free.

Referencing 2 Pete again:

**2 Peter 2:1** But **false prophets** also arose among the people, just as there will also be **false teachers** among you, who will **secretly introduce** destructive heresies, even **denying the Master** who **bought** them, [[Romans 3: Propitiation](#)] bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

Here is one of the most often quoted passages in the Bible regarding “propitiation.”

### **Romans 3:23-26**

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 (hilasterion Heb. 9:5 and O.T. Exodus 25:17,.18 and many referenced throughout that call the Mercy Seat a place for and of hilasterion) in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;  
26 for the demonstration, / say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**For clarification in English here are example uses of ‘propitiate’ in a sentence. [[Webster’s on-line](#)]**

Only an idiot believes he can propitiate his way into Heaven by giving the church all of his money.

To propitiate my dying mother and earn her forgiveness, I promised to look after my sisters forever.

After Bill forgot his wife's birthday, he tried to propitiate the situation by purchasing her the pearl necklace she had always wanted.

People would often sacrifice their friends and family members to propitiate the gods in order to be pardoned for their misdeeds.

By doing his community service without incident, Harry hoped to quickly propitiate his sentence.

### Here are additional Bible verses:

<sup>9</sup> By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)

**1 John 2:1-6** **1** My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

<sup>2</sup> and He Himself is the propitiation (hilasmos) for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.

<sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

<sup>4</sup> The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

<sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

<sup>6</sup> the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

## **Frequently cited references (sorted by frequency):**

**1 John 2:2** and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

**Acts 17:30** "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent,

**1 John 4:10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**Romans 2:4** Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

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

**Revelation 1:5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood,

**Acts 14:16** "And in the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways;

**Ephesians 1:7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

## **Mercy Seat and Propitiation**

**It is most interesting to observe the same Greek word (hilasterion) is used by Paul in Romans 3:25 and throughout the New Testament as is used in Exodus 25:17 to describe the place of atonement atop the Ark of the Covenant. This Mercy Seat or "hilasterion" is where the high priest dropped sacrificial blood to atone for the sins of the people. It was substitutionary blood just like Jesus' blood substitutes for ours.**

**Hebrews 9:5** And above it *were* the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; (hilasterion Romans 3:25)but of these things we cannot now speak in detail. (Heb. 9:5 NAS)

**Hebrews 9:28** so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

**1 Peter 1:19** but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

**Exo 25:17** "And you shall make a mercy seat (hilasterion) of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide. (LXX

**ἱλαστήριος**, ilasterios is the root word or hilasterion **ov** with focus on the means by which sins are forgiven *having atoning power, bringing about reconciliation*; substantivally τὸ ἱλαστήριον *means of forgiveness* (RO 3.25); by metonymy, with a focus on the place where sins are forgiven by means of the blood from an atoning sacrifice placed there, *place of forgiveness*,

*place where God forgives sins,*  
often translated *mercy seat* (HE 9.5)

**ἱλαστήριον** AP-AN-S ἱλαστήριος

Here is a list of Scripture detailing what the blood of Jesus did for us. Just in case anyone missed the point of the Cross and Resurrection Day. Nothing to do with a chocolate ester bunny.

**Matthew 26:28** for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

**Romans 5:1** Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**1 Corinthians 5:7** Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

**Hebrews 9:14** 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?

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

**Isaiah 53:11** As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

**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!

**John 3:14** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

**John 6:53** Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

**Acts 20:28** "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

**Romans 3:26** 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;

**Romans 5:11** And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.



**1 Corinthians 11:25** In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**2 Corinthians 5:18** Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

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

**Colossians 1:14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Colossians 1:20** 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.

**1 Timothy 1:15** It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

**Hebrews 2:17** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**Hebrews 9:12** and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

**Hebrews 9:25** nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own.

**Hebrews 9:26** Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

**Hebrews 10:19** Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

**Hebrews 13:12** Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

**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.

**Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for **Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.**

**AMEN**