

# “WORTHY IS THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN”!

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*“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” (Revelation 5:12.)*

## THE LAMB OF GOD HAD TO BE SLAIN: -

- The apostle Paul has laid down a foundational principle concerning the forgiveness of sins, and that is, *“without shedding of blood is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22)*. This principle is foundational to the whole of the Christian gospel. It gives us the reason **WHY** Jesus *“laid down his life for us” (1 John 3:16)*.


Paul goes on to record for us that Jesus *“should taste death for every man” (Hebrews 2:9)*; and he adds further that *“Christ Jesus ... gave himself a ransom for all” (1 Timothy 2:5 & 6)*.

- The apostle John in holy vision saw in the midst of the throne of God in heaven, *“stood a Lamb as it had been slain” (Revelation 5:6)*.

## THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD: -

- The apostle Peter records that Jesus *“was foreordained before the foundation of the world” (1 Peter 1:20)* to be the Lamb of God to redeem us by his Own blood.

The apostle John also records the fact that Jesus was *“the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8)*.

 In other words, the Father and the Son conceived of the gospel plan for our salvation that is based upon the death of Christ, before the foundation of this world was laid.

This plan was conceived of in eternity, as Paul has recorded for us concerning *“the grace of God that bringeth salvation” (Titus 2:11)* that *“according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began” (2 Timothy 1:9)*.

## GOD HIMSELF SHALL PROVIDE THE LAMB: -

- The godly patriarch Abraham when his son Isaac asked him where was the lamb for their burnt offering, responded, *“My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering” (Genesis 22:8)*.

Here is a clear principle of the gospel in type. As God did himself provide for Abraham a “ram”, so that he “offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son” (Genesis 22:13), God himself would provide the Lamb that would be offered up as a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3:16 & 17.)

“God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9).

The apostle John has recorded for us concerning the Father, that he “sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10).

“The Father sent the Son [to be] the Saviour of the world” (1 John 4:14).

- Because of this truth concerning the Father himself sending his Only Son to be the Lamb of God to save the world, the redeemed in heaven proclaim, “Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb” (Revelation 7:10).

### **THE LAMB OF GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: -**

- The message that John the Baptist proclaimed pointing out Jesus Christ to be the Lamb of God who was to take away the sins of the world, is just as relevant today as it was 2, 000 years ago.  
“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29.)

The apostle John clearly indicated that “Jesus Christ the righteous” is indeed “the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for [the sins of] the whole world” (1 John 2:1 & 2).

John exhorts his readers that they should “know that he was manifested to take away our sins” (1 John 3:5).

- The apostle Paul has testified concerning Christ that “he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” (Hebrews 9:26).

### **OUR REDEMPTION IS THROUGH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE LAMB: -**

- The apostle Peter wrote in his first epistle that we “were not redeemed with corruptible things, [as] silver and gold”. No indeed, our redemption has been obtained with something far more precious than gold or silver, “But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:18 & 19.)
- The apostle Paul wrote of Jesus, “in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Ephesians 1:7).

- The apostle John recorded in his book of Revelation concerning “the Lamb”, that the twenty-four elders who surround the throne of God, praise him because “*thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation*” (Revelation 5:8 & 9).

### **THE SPOTLESS LAMB OF GOD: -**

- In the typical sacrificial system the Lord commanded the children of Israel, “*Your lamb shall be without blemish*” (Exodus 12:5). This no doubt was a shadow pointing forward to Jesus’ **sinlessness** as the perfect Lamb of God.

☞ The Scriptures have recorded repeatedly the fact that Jesus Christ was truly the **sinless** Lamb of God.

Jesus asked the Jews of his day, “*Which of you convinceth me of sin?*” (John 8:46).

The apostle Paul wrote concerning Christ “*who knew no sin*” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

“*For such an high priest became us, [who is] holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners*” (Hebrews 7:26).

Christ “*offered himself without spot to God*” (Hebrews 9:14).

The apostle Peter wrote concerning Christ “*who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.*” (1 Peter 2:22.)

### **THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB: -**

- The redeemed who will come “*out of great tribulation*” will “*have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*” (Revelation 7:14).

The saints who overcome the Dragon, who is also called the Accuser of the Brethren, “*overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony*” (Revelation 12:11).

- “*The blood of Christ*”, shall “*purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God*” (Hebrews 9:14).

“*Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.*” (Hebrews 13:12.)

### **JESUS FIRST HAD TO HUMBLE HIMSELF AS THE SPOTLESS LAMB OF GOD, AND THEN HIS FATHER EXALTED AND GLORIFIED HIM IN HEAVEN: -**

- The apostle Paul has recorded the above truth very clearly in his Epistle to the Philippians.  
“*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and*

*became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth; And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2: 5 -11.)*

Paul also recorded the same truth in his Epistle to the Hebrews.

*“We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” (Hebrews 2:9.)*

- The apostle Peter on the Day of Pentecost preached that Jesus was “*by the right hand of God exalted*” (Acts 2:33).

*“The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus” (Acts 3:13).*

*“The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand [to be] a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.” (Acts 5:30 & 31.)*

Peter also wrote that God the Father “*that raised him up from the dead (that is Christ – compiler), and gave him glory*” (1 Peter 1:21).

Peter recorded in his 1st Epistle concerning Christ that he “*is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.*” (1 Peter 3:22.)

- Jesus when he enlightened the two disciples on the road to Emmaus concerning the prophecies relating to Christ’s sufferings and death also outlined the future glory that awaited Christ.  
*“O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?” (Luke 24:25 & 26.)*

The apostle Peter also wrote concerning the inspired prophets of old, how they “*testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow*” (1 Peter 1:11).

- God the Father commanded all the heavenly angels to worship the resurrected Christ in the following verse. “*And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten<sup>1</sup> into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.*” (Hebrews 1:6.)

**NOTE:** - This command from God the Father to the angels to worship the resurrected Christ is a positive testimony to the Divinity of Jesus. This is so because the gospel writer Matthew has recorded Jesus quoting Scripture to the devil in the temptation in the wilderness, “*Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*” (Matthew 4:10.) As God the Father commands the angels to worship the resurrected Christ, it follows that Jesus **MUST** be “*the Lord thy God*”! This command to worship Jesus comes from the Highest Authority in the Universe!

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<sup>1</sup> That the term “*the firstbegotten*” refers to Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is established by the fact that the apostle Paul refers to Jesus as being “*the firstborn from the dead*” (Colossians 1:18); and the apostle John refers to Jesus as being “*the first begotten of the dead*” (Revelation 1:5).

## THEREFORE JESUS CHRIST, THE LAMB OF GOD IS INDEED WORTHY TO RECEIVE ETERNAL GLORY AND HONOUR: -

- Because of these simple but yet fundamental truths concerning Jesus Christ being the spotless Lamb of God, the New Testament writers recorded that he is indeed worthy to receive glory and honour.  
*“But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18.)*

*“To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.” (Jude 25.)*

*“Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, ... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (Revelation 1:5 & 6.)*

## THE LAMB IS LORD OF LORDS AND KING OF KINGS: -

- The apostle John has recorded the truth that the Lamb *“is Lord of lords, and King of kings” (Revelation 17:14).*

As John saw the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus in prophetic vision, he saw the following scene and he saw also the name that is written upon the Lamb - *“KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS”*.

*“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Revelation 19:11 - 16.)*

☞ It should come as no surprise therefore that all creation shall proclaim, *“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.” (Revelation 5:13.)*