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WHAT MAKES JESUS UNIQUE?

Part Three

Jesus Has the unique responsibility to prepare mankind to meet their God

2Cor 1:20 says; **20**For all the promises of God are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him, our "Amen" is spoken to the glory of God. Only HIS death as a perfect human sacrifice could put mankind on the path to adoption as 'sons of the living God.' Heb 9:11-15; **11**But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come, *f* He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made by hands and is not a part of this creation. **12**He did not enter by the blood of goats and calves, but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, thus securing eternal redemption.

- 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that their bodies are clean, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, purify our consciences from works of death, so that we may serve the living God!
- 15 Therefore Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, now that He has died to redeem them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. 16 In the case of a will, it is necessary to establish the death of the one who made it, 17 because a will does not take effect until the one who made it has died; it cannot be executed while he is still alive.
- 18 That is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. 19 For when Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, i along with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep."
- **21**In the same way, he sprinkled with blood the tabernacle and all the vessels used in worship. **22**According to the law, in fact, nearly everything must be purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

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<u>23</u>So it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. <u>24</u>For Christ did not enter a man-made copy of the true sanctuary, but He entered heaven itself, now to appear on our behalf in the presence of God.

25Nor did He enter heaven to offer Himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. **26**Otherwise, Christ would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

27 Just as man is appointed to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so also Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await Him. To that we say, Amen!! Come Lord Jesus. That Jesus fully understood this judicial action is evidenced by his words at Mt 20:28 where he said; 28just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." He reiterated his understanding of this at the last evening meal with his faithful apostles at Mt 26:28 when saying; 28 This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Only the blood of a perfect man, as was Adam, could ransom mankind. Paul's inspired understanding of this is forcefully demonstrated at Rom 5:12-20 which says; 12Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, so also death was passed on to all men, because all sinned. 13For sin was in the world before the law was given; but sin is not taken into account when there is no law. 14Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who did not sin in the way that Adam transgressed. He is a pattern of the One to come.

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many! 16 Again, the gift is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment that followed one sin brought condemnation, but the gift that followed many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive an abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

18 So then, just as one trespass brought condemnation for all men, so also one act of righteousness brought justification and life for all men. 19 For

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just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

20The law came in so that the trespass would increase; but where sin increased, grace increased all the more, **21**so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. [BSB] Only the ransom Sacrifice of Jesus could prepare us to meet our God Jehovah. Future podcasts will again touch on these matters, but for now the 6 points we want to take away from this podcast #4 are: 1] Only Jesus had a pre-human existence. 2] Only Jesus is the only begotten Son and only begotten God. 3] Jesus is the ONLY name under heaven by which we may be saved. 4] Only Jesus is the firstborn from the dead. 5] Only Jesus rightly occupies the role of Messiah. 6] Jesus has the unique responsibility to prepare mankind for adoption by Jehovah. Now in podcast #5 we will examine the uniqueness of the Holy Spirit. This is brother Ed signing off for now and looking forward to our next journey. Until then.