

## THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

### THE STUDY OF GOD #9

1. **The sacrifice of Christ.** The work of Christ is a work, for it was neither an afterthought nor an accident. It was rather an act of willingness that He could have avoided. The basis of Christ's death is to satisfy the holiness of God. Christ's death was satisfaction.

- **The prominence or the importance of the death of Christ.** Seen in five points:

1. **Prophecy.**

- **It was foretold in the OT – the first promise of the Messiah – Gen. 3:15.**
- **The coats of skins – Gen. 3:21 -.**
- **The ram on Mt. Moriah Gen. 22:13 -.** All were fulfilled in the NT.

2. **It was predominant in the NT.**

- **The last 3 days of the Lord's earthly life occupy 1/5 of the gospels.**
- **1 out of every 44 verses in the NT deals with the sacrificial death of Christ.**
- **In the entire NT it is mentioned 175 times.**

3. **The priority of the death of Christ.** It is the theme of the gospels – **1 Cor. 15:3-4 -.**

4. **The death is primary or essential to Christianity.**

5. **The power in the death is essential to our salvation – John 3:14-15 -.**

- **The plan of the sacrifice of Christ – Isa. 53:6, 10.**

1. **It was "vicarious" suffering. Jesus suffered in place of others – Isa. 53:5-6, 1 Cor. 15:3. 2 Cor. 5:21 -.**

2. **It was satisfaction to God – Rom. 8:1 -.**

3. **It brought propitiation, to appease – 1 John 2:2 -.**

4. **It brought reconciliation, to make friendly – Rom. 5:9-11 -.**

5. **It was a ransom, the price paid to set another held in bondage free – Mark 10:45 -.**

