

Why did Jesus die? The Bible says in **Galatians 2:21**, “I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

My Next Steps:

- Memorize **Hebrews 9:22**, “Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.”
- Read and meditate on the book of **Jude**.
- Like Abel, I will honor God by living by faith in and obedience to Christ, not by my good works.
- I will bring a sacrifice of _____ that God deems acceptable, not what I think is admissible.

Next Week: “Enoch: Learning to Walk with God”



Heb. 11:4, “By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.”

Turn to **Genesis 4:1-5**.

I. The Contrast in Their Worship.

† All religions are not of the same V_____.

Jude 11, “Woe to them. They have gone the way of Cain.”

† The way of Cain was the way of G_____ W_____.

Hebrews 9:22, “Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.”

1 John 3:12, *“Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous.”*

The contrast then is not primarily about faith, but between offering what the Lord had declared was a _____ and what Cain decided was a _____.

Religion is what sinful people do for a holy God. The gospel is the good news of what a holy God has already done for sinful man.

† Abel was a p _____ of God.

Luke 11:49-51. *“Because of this, God in his wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’ Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, from the blood of **Abel** to the blood of Zechariah ... ”*

Acts 10:43, *“All the prophets testify about Him (Jesus).”*

The blood of Jesus was not an a _____.

Revelation 13:8, *“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast – all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.”*

† The red river of blood that runs throughout Scripture is to remind the people that S _____ means D _____.

II. The Consequences of Their Worship Gen. 4:5-6

† The difference between Cain and Abel is the difference between righteousness and unrighteousness. God will not overlook sin. God is too good NOT to punish sin.

Romans 3:23-25, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.”*

† Your sin will be pardoned in C _____ or punished in h _____.

All Christianity is described in three sentences:

- I deserve hell.
- Jesus took my hell.
- There’s nothing left for me, but His heaven.

III. The Conflict of Their Worship. Gen. 4:5-8

† The first murder was over religion. No man can be wrong with God and right with his fellow brother.

John 16:1-4, *“All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you.”*

† The word “martyr” and the word “witness” are the same word in the Greek language. Death doesn’t make martyrs; it just simply reveals them.

Christianity should never be coerced. *“The teaching of Jesus is clear. No one ought to be compelled to become a Christian. This sets the Christian faith drastically apart from Islam. In no country where the Christian faith is the faith of the majority is it illegal to propagate another faith. There is no country in the world that I know of where the renunciation of one’s Christian faith puts one in danger of being hunted down by the powers of the state. Yet, there are numerous Islamic countries where it is against the law to publicly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. And where a Muslim who renounces faith in Islam to believe in anything else risks death.”* (Ravi Zacharias)