

greatest sacrifice

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BIG IDEA

Our covenantal God has provided the perfect sacrifice in Jesus. Our part is to believe Him, receive what He has done for us, and live as people who have been made clean.

1. OUR GOD IS A COVENANTAL GOD

God is relational.

Covenant implies choice, commitment, and relationship.

Throughout Scripture, God chooses to enter into relationship with people. He establishes the terms of the covenant and then faithfully keeps His promises.

The Bible is one great covenant relationship story.

Hebrews 8:6 (NIV)

2. THE COVENANT REVEALS THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN

Why a sacrifice as a part of the covenant? God is:

Holy, Righteous, Just

But also Loving and Gracious

Sin separates, and sin produces death.

The value of the substitute reveals the cost of sin.

A pure lamb was required.

It represented: Life, Wealth, Provision, Something precious

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV) | Leviticus 17:10–11 (NIV)

Cain's sin—presented what He thought the sin was worth.

His sacrifice reveals His heart—his rebellion and the value he put on God and His relationship with Him.

3. JESUS IS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

Everything in the sacrificial system was pointing forward.

Jesus didn't bring the sacrifice—He became the sacrifice.

The old high priest entered with someone else's blood. Jesus entered with His own blood.

Hebrews 9:11–12 (NIV) | Hebrews 9:22–26 (NIV)

ONCE FOR ALL

The old sacrifices had to be repeated because they could never completely remove sin.

Hebrews 10:1–4 (NIV) | Hebrews 10:5–6 (NIV)

God prepared the sacrifice.

After AD 70—the temple is gone.

4. OUR PART OF THE COVENANT — BELIEVE GOD CONCERNING JESUS

So how do we appropriate what Jesus has done? We believe God.

Romans 4:3 (NIV) | Galatians 3:6–7 (NIV)

Biblical faith means more than believing God exists.

LET JESUS WASH YOU

John 13 gives us a powerful picture of receiving what Jesus does for us.

Jesus knows who He is. Where He came from. Where He is going.

Who His disciples are. What they have done.

What they will still do. And He gets down and washes their feet.

Peter's problem wasn't that Jesus was unwilling to wash him. Peter's problem was that he initially wouldn't let Jesus do it.

“Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

You cannot clean yourself. You cannot provide your own sacrifice. You cannot pay your own debt.

You have to let Jesus do for you what you cannot do for yourself.

5. BELIEVE THAT HE HAS MADE YOU CLEAN

Jesus tells His disciples: “You are clean. Faith means taking Jesus at His word.

6. CLEAN PEOPLE BECOME PEOPLE WHO DON'T SHRINK BACK

Hebrews 10:32–36 (NIV) | Hebrews 10:38–39 (NIV)

CONCLUSION — THE GREATEST SACRIFICE IS JESUS

John 13:3–10 (NIV)

