

judgment to decide their fate. That was decided when they died without trusting Christ. Instead, it will be a sentencing of them to the Lake of Fire for all eternity. (Revelation 20:15) "*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*"

b. We look for Christ to appear again

- 1) Christ is coming again.
 - a) He will come first in the clouds **FOR** the saints. We often call that the Rapture. Christ will then take all true Christians to heaven.
 - b) Seven years later, He will come **WITH** the saints to begin the 1,000-year Millennium of peace on earth.
- 2) When He comes again at the Rapture, it will be *without sin*. That does **not** mean that He will have no sin. He has never sinned. Rather it means **He will not come again to atone for our sin**. He did that ONCE and will never need to do it again.
- 3) Christ will appear the second time *unto salvation*. In other words, He will come again to save or deliver Christians from this wicked world. (1 Corinthians 15:52) "*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*"

Conclusion: This morning, we have looked at four gifts that God offers you because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. He offers those four gifts to each of us. We may receive them by repenting of our sin and trusting what Christ did as our only hope of forgiveness and eternal life.

Have you received God's gifts? If you have not, I urge you to do so today. Tomorrow may be too late.

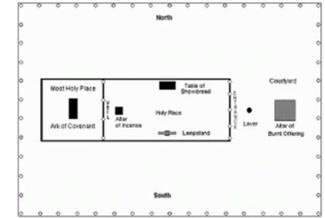
If have received God's gifts and Christ is your Saviour, take time to thank Him right now for these four gifts of His sacrifice on the cross for you.

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Gifts of Christ's Sacrifice

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Introduction: Show a picture of my parents. This is not my parents; it is a picture of them. It is a type of them. The same is true of the OT tabernacle. (Draw a picture of the tabernacle.) It is only a type of the real tabernacle in heaven. When Christ died on the cross and raised to life again, He fulfilled all the types found in the Old Testament tabernacle service.



Transition: Because of Christ's sacrifice for sin, God now offers four gifts to every sinner who will receive them by faith in Christ.

Because of Christ's sacrifice, God offers you the gift of

1. Eternal redemption, v.12

a. Redemption is a deliverance

- 1) The human race has one thing in common, every man, woman and child is born a sinner.
- 2) Sin is missing the mark of God's perfect standard.
- 3) Sin prevents us from entering God's presence.
- 4) Christ delivered sinners from the penalty of sin. (Galatians 3:13) "*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*"

b. Christ obtained eternal redemption for us.

- 1) He obtained it by His sacrifice for us.
- 2) He obtained it for all sinners.
- 3) He obtained it for all eternity.

Because of Christ's sacrifice, God offers you the gift of

2. A purged conscience, v.14

a. Man's conscience is in his inner being

- 1) It is the inborn sense of right and wrong, by which we judge of the moral character of human conduct. (Easton)
- 2) Unbelievers have a defiled conscience. (Titus 1:15) "*Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*" We have done wrong

and suffer from a sense of guilt.

- 3) Many of those who reject the Gospel have a seared conscience. (1 Timothy 4:2) "*Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*" Their conscience no longer pricks them when they do wrong. That is why people can devote their lives to hug the trees and protect wildlife and then abort babies.

b. A purged conscience is a cleansed one

- 1) Christ wants to purge or clean our conscience from dead works (i.e., all the sins and guilt of our past).
- 2) Christ wants to purge our conscience that we might serve the living God. Once purged we may minister to the living God rather than being enslaved to dead works and guilt. (Romans 6:18) "*Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*"

Because of Christ's sacrifice, God offers you the gift of

3. Christ's representation in heaven, v.24

a. Christ now appears in the presence of God

- 1) The OT priest entered the holy places for the people. He offered the sacrifices for the people. Once each year, he entered into the Holiest of all to make an atonement for sin. Though he never saw Him, God dwelt in the Holiest of all under the wings of the golden cherubs on the mercy seat of the ark.
- 2) Christ is now entered, not into the earthly tabernacle, which was just a type, but into heaven itself. He stands in the very presence of Almighty God, directly before the face of God.
- 3) God the Father is the High Court Judge of the universe. No higher authority exists. (Story of Esther)

b. Christ appears in God's presence for us.

- 1) These last two words are critical. Christ is in God's presence FOR US. The word translated "*for*" is *ὐπὲρ* which means in behalf of or for the sake of.
- 2) Christ secures our salvation.
- 3) Christ pleads His righteousness for us when we sin. (1 John 2:1) "*My little children, these things write I unto you,*

that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

- 4) Christ intercedes for us when we need help. (See Hebrews 7:25), (Romans 8:34) "*Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*"

Because of Christ's sacrifice, God offers you the gift of

4. Eternal Life in Heaven, v.27-28

a. Note how these verses go together

- 1) It is appointed unto every human to die once (v.27). That is a fact of being a human.
- 2) It is also a fact that after death there is going to be a judgment (v.27). Judgment Day before our Creator God is unavoidable. No one will escape that God's judgment.
 - a) For Christians that day will be at the **Judgment Seat of Christ** in heaven. (2 Corinthians 5:10) "*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*" Every Christian's sin is under the blood of Christ. God will never punish him for his sin. However, every Christian will be rewarded or rebuked, he will gain crowns or lose rewards based on how he has lived his Christian life. **God tells us of five crowns** which we should strive to earn.
 - (1) The **incorruptible** crown (1Co 9:25) for those who control their lusts.
 - (2) The **rejoicing** crown (1Th 2:19) for those who win others to Christ
 - (3) The crown of **life** (2Ti 4:8) for those who lovingly watch for the Lord's return
 - (4) The crown of **righteousness** (Jas 1:12) for those who endure trials and temptations
 - (5) The crown of **glory** (1Pe 5:4) for faithful pastors and Christian workers.
 - b) All unbelievers will stand before God's **Great White Throne Judgment** (Rev 20:11-15). It will not be a