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"CHRIST OUR SUBSTITUTE"

I. MAN'S ORIGINAL STATE.

- A. Created by God for fellowship.**
 - 1. The claimant inner cry of man today is for that fellowship.
 - 2. There is a certain unrest in man.
- B. To maintain that fellowship man must be aligned with God's purposes.**
 - 1. God warned man concerning misalignment.
 - a. "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."
 - b. Adam ate, Adam died and the history of man plunged downward immediately.
 - 2. The death of which God warned was spiritual death which would ultimately eventuate physical death.
- C. Ever since Adam's severance of his ties with God, man has sought to fill this void within his life.**

II. THE WAY TO GOD IS THROUGH SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH.

- A. This was realized early in history - Abel.**
- B. Through Moses God established the law of sacrifices.**
 - 1. Vs. 3, "Shall offer it of own voluntary will."
 - a. Man's free choice exercised in garden.
 - b. God never forces Himself upon us.
 - 2. Vs. 4, "He shall nut his hand upon the head heavily."
 - a. Thus he identified himself with the sacrifice. All my guilt going on this animal, & as animal dies, I die. Thus penalty for my sin answered.
 - 3. "It shall be accented for him."
 - a. God would accent the death of the animal for the death of the man who was thus identified with the animal.
 - 4. "To make atonement for him."
- C. Man had many needs, thus various sacrifices.**
 - 1. Burnt offering whole commitment.
 - 2. Meal offering of praise (fellowship of praise - Let us offer unto God..
 - 3. Peace offering - Peace with God - your life can never be settled until you accent this.
 - 4. Sin offering - sins - missing the mark - ignorance.
 - 5. Trespass offering - deliberate crossing the line.
- D. All of these offerings pre-figured & pointed to Christ, the perfect sacrifice.**

III. IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST

- A. Man accent Christ for their substitute in the sin & trespass offerings & go no further or worse yet, try to present themselves from there.**
 - 1. Begin to offer to God my own works of self-righteousness.
 - 2. Many Christians still have no peace.
 - a. They have not identified with Christ here.
 - 3. Many have not a life of praise - failure to identify.
 - 4. Many have not full surrender & commitment again a failure to identify with Christ.

When He died, I died - when He was buried, I was buried - when He arose in newness of life, I arose in Him.