

**Bible Reading:** God's Law: Deut. 5:1-21  
God's Gospel: Leviticus 4:27-5:6

**Singing:** 395:1-4 – 123:1 – 384:1-5 – 83:2 – 362:3 – 238:1-3

## **God's Way of Peace**

I. Repent II. Confess III. Trust IV. Embrace

### **I. GOD'S WAY OF PEACE: REPENT FROM YOUR SINS**

A. Every sin you do is *serious*: because each sin dishonors God greatly: Ezra 9:6

1. Many sins we commit knowingly: Lev. 5:1-5

2. More sins we commit without knowing: Lev. 4:27ff; Acts 3:17; 1 Tim. 1:13

B. God's way of peace begins with *seeing the shame of your sins*: Lev. 4:28

1. How do we react when we face the shame of our sins? Gen. 3:7-8

2. God's response: *He seeks us* (Gen. 3:9) *and provides a way back* (Leviticus)

C. God's way of peace begins with *repent ye!*

1. Repentance is first *to see our sins as God sees them*

2. Repentance is *to turn away from our sins*

### **II. GOD'S WAY OF PEACE: CONFESS YOUR SIN**

A. All sin needs to be confessed (Lev. 5:5; Ps. 32:5)

1. To confess sin is *to name & shame sin*: Luke 15:18; Ps. 32:5; Luke 18:13

2. To confess sin is *to become witness against yourself*: Ps. 51:1-4

### **III. GOD'S WAY OF PEACE: TRUST CHRIST**

A. Restoration is only God's appointed sacrifice: Lev. 4:28-29

1. Heb 9:22 *Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission (forgiveness)*

2. We need to come to God with His appointed and provided Lamb: John 1:29

*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world*

3. We need to put our hand upon the head of God's sacrifice: *picture of faith*

- B. What happened after the sinner completed his confession of faith?
1. He witnessed awfulness of the price of sin in sight, sound, and smell (31)
  2. God witnessed awfulness of the price of sin with divine delight (31, 35)
  3. After that God spoke about *atonement and forgiveness* (John 3:15-18)

#### **IV. GOD'S WAY OF PEACE: EMBRACE THE PEACE**

A. The peace God makes known we are to receive by faith also

1. God in Ps. 2:7 *Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him*
2. Jesus to woman at His feet in Luke 7:48, 50: *Thy sins are forgiven. Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.*
3. Jesus in John 3:18 *He that believeth on Him (Jesus) is not condemned.*

### **Repent & Believe & Live**

What different ways do men invent to give the conscience ease?  
Some say, Believe; and some, Repent; and some, Strive to please.

But, children, Christ, and Christ alone can rightly do the thing.  
Nor ever can the way be known till He salvation bring.

What mean the men that say, Believe, and let repentance go?  
What comfort can the soul receive, that never felt its woe?

Christ says, "That I might sinners call to repentance, I'm sent.  
And "Likewise, ye shall perish all, except ye do repent."

Those who are called by grace divine, believe in Jesus, but not alone,  
repentance to their faith they join and so walk safely on.