

“God’s Choice Lamb”

John 1: 29-30

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Intro:

Last Lord’s day morning and evening we considered verse 29 under two main headings:

- 1) The Declaration of the Lamb
- 2) The Purpose of the Lamb

We hope this evening, Lord willing, to consider verses 29-30 under the title:

“God’s Choice Lamb”

Outline:

- 1) He is God’s Lamb (verse 29)
- 2) He is God’s Choice (verse 30)

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Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Note;

He is God’s Lamb!

He is God’s only Lamb!

There is no other sacrifice for sin!

Three texts for consideration on this point -

1) - Read Romans 3:21-26 (esp. verse 25)

Note,

Christ is the “mercy seat”

Compare Heb 9:5 (same GK word)

Barnes comments on the “Mercy-Seat”

“...the blood of the bullock offered on the great day of atonement, was to be sprinkled “upon the mercy-seat,” and “before the mercy-seat,” “seven times,” Lev 16:14-15.

This sprinkling or offering of blood was called making “an atonement for the holy place because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel,” etc. Lev 16:16.

It was from this mercy-seat that God pronounced pardon, or expressed himself as reconciled to his people.

The atonement was made, the blood was sprinkled, and the reconciliation thus effected.

The name was thus given to that cover of the ark, because it was the place from which God declared himself reconciled to his people.”

The application to our Lord Jesus Christ is clear!!

2) – Read 1 John 2:1-2

The point here is, there is no other saviour!!

He is the Advocate!!

Hilary of Arles (Bishop of Arles southern France) (403-449)

“When John says that Christ died for the sins of the “whole world,” what he means is that he died for the whole church.”

3) – Read 1 John 4:10

Note,

The depth and reality of God's love for his people!!

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So;

Christ is truly the Lamb of God!!

2) He is God's Choice (verse 30)

Joh 1:30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

Note,

Christ is not the Lamb because he is considered dispensable!

No!

He is the one that God approves above all others!

Consider –

God has given the best he possibly could for our salvation.

“This is my beloved Son”

2Pe 1:17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Another beautiful scripture for how God regards the son is:

Zec 13:7 **Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.**

Gill identifies five areas in which the Father has preferred the Son

1) In Setting him up as Mediator;

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Also:

1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

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2) In Constituting him the head of the church;

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

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3) In Causing a Fulness of Grace to dwell in him;

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

This is expanded in:

Rom 5:15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more **the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ,** hath abounded unto many.

Rom 5:16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.

Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more **they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)**

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.**

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, **so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.**

Also:

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:**

Eph 1:4 According as he hath **chosen us in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children **by Jesus Christ** to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us **accepted in the beloved.**

Eph 1:7 **In whom we have redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times **he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:**

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4) In Appointing him to be the Saviour of his people;

Act 5:29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Act 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

Act 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Act 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Read Acts 13: 23-39 (Paul preaching at Antioch in Pisidia)

And:

1Jn 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

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5) In Ordaining him judge of quick and dead.

Act 10:40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

Act 10:41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

Act 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.

Act 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

May God bless his word to our souls. Amen.