

MONDAY The Lamb of God

What is everlasting covenant of God?

Romans 3:23–24 ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Revelation 13:8 Jesus = “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

1 Peter 1:18–20 ¹⁸knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹**but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

²⁰He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

Hebrews 13:20–21 ²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through **the blood of the everlasting covenant,** ²¹make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- **What = everlasting covenant? = righteousness by faith in Messiah/Christ**
 - **God introduced in Genesis 3:15= in Garden**
 - **Established sacrificial system to open pathway way for RBF in belief of coming Messiah-Redeemer**

○ **Who would die as our Substitute**

- Established w/ Abraham = in vision = Genesis 15

- By Christ's day = religious leaders had twisted Scriptures
- taught Messiah would come as earthly Monarch/King
- Military Conqueror = deliver Israel from Rome's oppression
- Goal of John's Gospel = change Preconceived opinion = help people understand Messiah came to fulfill = all Old Testament promises concerning Himself = which include His self-sacrifice in behalf of the world = and to renew the relationship between God and His people.

John 1:29–37 Disciples of John Baptist heard him testify

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! **The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!** ³⁰This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ³¹I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.”

³²And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “**Behold the Lamb of God!**”

³⁷The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

ABSG The statement of the Baptist regarding Jesus as the Lamb of God supports the purpose of John's Gospel, which is to bring about a renewed understanding of the work and nature of the Messiah. Jesus would, indeed, be the fulfillment of the promise of the sacrificial

system, going back to the promise of the Redeemer, first given in Genesis 3:15.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

Mark 10:45 Jesus said: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Romans 5:6 For when we were still without strength [powerless to help ourselves], in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

1 Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

However much more John the Baptist needed to know about the ministry of Jesus, he was certain that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the One who had come in fulfillment of prophecy.

Consider deeply this title for Jesus as “the Lamb of God.” What images does it bring to mind, and how does its linkage to the Old Testament sacrificial system help you appreciate the great price of our salvation?