**III. Christology - The Work of Christ**

Today we begin looking at the work of Christ. In doing so, we will break this section down into three parts.

**The Past Work of Christ**

 There are three specific areas we want to discuss relevant to the past work of Christ.

 **A. Atonement**

 1. The word atonement carries in it the idea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the Holy God and sinful human beings.

 - II Corinthians 5:19

 - Hebrews 10:4

 - Mark 10:45

**B. Old Testament Background**

 We cannot properly discuss Christ’s work of atonement without looking at the Old Testament sacrificial system, which was essential for atonement to take place. Specifically, the book of Leviticus chs. 1-7.

1. There are five sacrificial offerings identified in the first seven chapters of Leviticus, and they are:

 - The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Offering

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 The burnt offering - Leviticus 1:1-17.

 2. The burnt offering was instituted for the purpose of making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for an individual.

Atonement is the act of:

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 God had some requirements that needed to be met by the individual in for Him to accept the burnt offering and grant atonement for their sin.

 - It had to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 - It had to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 - It had to be without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

There are four essential parts in the burnt offering ritual:

 - The act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sacrifice (vv. 3,4)

 - The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sacrifice (v. 5)

*These two are performed by the one making the sacrifice.*

 - The offering of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (this represented the life) (v. 5)

*This is performed by the priest.*

 - The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the offering (v. 9)

*This is performed by fire and represents the action of God.*

**Small Group Discussion Questions:**

**1. Why are we no longer required to sacrifice burnt offerings?**

**2. What differentiates the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the burnt offering?**

**3. Identify similarities between the sacrifice of the burnt offering and the sacrifice of Christ.**