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Law/Gospel

God requires a payment for my sin. **God sent His own Son, Jesus, to be sacrificed in payment for my sin.**

Bible Words

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Connections

Altars occupy a central position in the sanctuary of churches today. An altar serves three purposes in Christian worship. (1) It reminds us that Jesus, the Lamb of God who died on the altar of the cross, is God's sacrifice to save us from our sins. (2) It symbolizes God's presence as the pastor and people offer prayers and praise to Him. (3) It serves as a table to celebrate and receive the Lord's Supper.

In the Lord's Supper, also called the Sacrament of the Altar, we receive Christ's body and blood with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins.

We find the Lord and His gifts where His Word is preached and where we receive His Sacraments, Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 21:1–7; 22:1–19

As promised, God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby. Abraham was one hundred years old; Sarah was ninety. How they must have loved this son whom God had first promised to give them long ago!

God tested Abraham's love in a way He never asked of anyone else. The Lord commanded Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering on a nearby mountain. Not questioning how God would keep His other promises to give many descendants through Isaac, Abraham trusted God.

Hebrews 11:17–19 explains, "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back."

Speaking this faith to Isaac, Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb" (Genesis 22:8). And so He did. After tying up Isaac, Abraham raised a knife to kill him, but the angel of the Lord called out, saying, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me" (22:12).

This event points to God's only Son coming to earth to be "the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). God gave up His only Son, Jesus, to *atone* for our sins on the cross and make us "at one" with God. Jesus died to set us free from sin. He rose from the dead to declare victory over death and the devil. In Jesus, God gives us "redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7)

Prayer

O Christ, the Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Give us Your peace. Amen.