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"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (remission). It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true-one (in heaven); but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the Holy-Place every year with blood of others (animal sacrifices); for then He must have often suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once in the consummation of the ages He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto men to die once, but after this the judgment; So Christ was offered Once to bear the sins of many; and unto those who look for Him He shall appear the second time (the Second Coming of Christ Jesus) without sin unto salvation (i.e. for our salvation}."

Offered: from the Greek word **prosenechtheis** a verb which means: <u>having-been-offered</u>; or <u>was-offered</u>; (of gifts, sacrifices, etc); from **prospero** which means: <u>to bring</u> to, <u>to offer</u> something (as of gifts, sacrifices, etc). In context Jesus <u>offers Himsel</u>f once as a sacrifice for the remission and forgiveness of our sins.

Once: from the Greek word <u>hapax</u> an adverb which means: <u>once</u>; one time; (numerically <u>or conclusively</u>); used of what is so done as to be of perpetual validity and never need repetition, once and for all time. In context Jesus died on the cross for the eternal forgiveness of our sins <u>once</u>, and valid and good for all eternity!

Bear: from the Greek word <u>anenenkein</u> a verb which means: <u>to-bear</u>; from **anaphero**: to carry up, to bear up, to lead up. To lift up on oneself, to take upon oneself, i. e. to place on oneself anything as a load to be carried. In context Jesus <u>bore</u> our sins upon the cross as an atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins.

Sins: from the Greek word <u>hamartias</u> a noun which means: <u>sins</u>; *hamartia*: a sin, a sinful deed, a moral failure in an ethical sense; corrupt behavior. Properly: missing the mark of God's standard of righteousness; thus incurring guilt before God.

Many: from the Greek word <u>**pollen**</u> an adjective which means: <u>many</u>; much, abundant, often; (high in number); plenteous, great in amount (extent). In context referring to the many <u>people</u> who will be saved through the atoning death of Jesus on the Cross.

Literal: "So also the Christ once was-offered, for the many, to-bear sins."

Expounded: "So then, Christ Jesus was also offered <u>once</u> (and for all time) for the purpose of bearing the sins of many people - even for all those persons who look for and put their faith in Jesus for salvation from their sin-separated-state-of-existence from the Father."

Jesus put away our sins, by achieving the forgiveness of our sins by offering Himself as a substitute to bear our sins upon Himself and incurred our punishment upon Himself by offering Himself as a ransom to God the Father, so as to appease the Father on our behalf, and thus making right our relationship with the Father. Jesus accomplished this through His death on the Cross. We in turn receive the gift of Eternal Life forever in the Kingdom of the Father and Son!! Consider the following prophecy:

"Yet it pleased the LORD (the Father) to **bruise** Him (Jesus the Christ); for He (the Father) has put Him to grief; when You **shall make His soul an offering for sin**, He shall see His seed, and He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied. By His knowledge shall My (the Father's) Righteous Servant (Jesus) **justify** <u>many</u>; <u>for He shall bear their iniquities (their sins).</u>" (Isaiah 53:10-11)

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Christ Jesus, in <u>deeds</u>, made Himself an offering for sin, even our sins; consider the fulfillment of the prophetic promise as follows:

"But this Man (Jesus), <u>because He continues forever</u>, has an unchangeable priesthood. Thus, **He is able also to save those (many) to the uttermost** who come unto God through Him, seeing that <u>He always lives to make intercession for them (for us)</u>. For such a High Priest did He become for us, who is holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who does not need to daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people. <u>For this He</u> (Jesus) did **Once**, when **He offered up Himself**." (Hebrews 7:24-27)

"Be you therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, <u>as Christ also has</u> <u>loved us</u>, and has given Himself for us <u>an offering</u> and a sacrifice to God as a sweet smelling aroma." (Ephesians 5:1-2)

"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh; <u>how much more</u> shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit <u>offered Himself</u> without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:13-14)

Jesus not only offered Himself as an atoning sacrifice on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins; <u>He also bore our sins upon His very own self</u> while being crucified on the Cross. Consider the following:

"For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow in <u>His steps</u>; **who never sinned.** Nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; and when He suffered, He did not threatened; but <u>He committed Himself to Him (to the Father)</u> who judges righteously. **And He Himself** <u>bore our sins in His own body</u> on the Cross, so that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; for <u>by His brused-body you</u> <u>were healed</u>. For you were as sheep going astray; but have now returned unto the <u>Shepherd and Bishop</u> (Jesus) of your souls." (1Peter 2:21-25)

And again: "For He shall <u>bear</u> their iniquities." (Isaiah 53:11) "So Christ was offered once <u>to bear the sins</u> of many." (Hebrews 9:28)

The very Good-news is that Christ Jesus only needed to offer Himself <u>once</u> on the Cross in order to obtain eternal salvation for as many people as would receive Him as their Savior. Consider the following:

"For this He (Jesus) <u>did once</u>, when <u>He offered up Himself</u>; for the law makes men high priests who have weaknesses; but <u>the word of the oath</u> (the promise of God), which came after the law, <u>appoints the Son</u>, who is perfected forever." " (Hebrews 7:27-28)

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats to take away sins. '*Therefore,* when He (Jesus) comes into the world, He says, 'Sacrifice and offerings You do not desire, <u>but a body</u> You have prepared (for) Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I (the Christ) have come, for in <u>the scroll</u> of the book it is written of Me, to do Your will, O God' (Psalm 40:6-8). Above when e said, 'Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin You have not desired, nor have pleasure in them;' which are offered by the law; Then He said , 'Behold, I come to do Your will, O God;' He takes away the first (covenant), <u>so that He may establish the</u> <u>second (New Covenant)</u>; by which we are sanctified through <u>the offering of the body of</u> Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily ministering and offering often times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the Right Hand of God; waiting from then onward 'until His enemies be made His footstool.' (Psalm 110:1) <u>For by one</u> offering (Himself) He has perfected forever those who are sanctified." (Hebrews 10:4-14)

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And again:

"<u>For Christ has also suffered **once**</u> for sins (our sins), <u>**the Just** for the unjust</u>, so that He might bring <u>us</u> to God, <u>being put to death in the flesh</u>, but made-alive by the Spirit." (1Peter 3:18-20)

Consider also the following related verses:

"Therefore if any man **be in Christ, he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; and behold, all things have become new. And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself <u>through Jesus Christ</u>, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; namely, that <u>God was in Christ</u>, reconciling the world unto Himself, and <u>not imputing</u> <u>their trespasses unto them</u>; and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in behalf of Christ's, that you be reconciled to God. For He (the Father) has made <u>Him</u> (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (in Christ Jesus)." (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, **He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. If we say that we have not sinned, we imply that He is a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write unto you, so that you do not sin . But, if any man does sin, we have an <u>Advocate</u> with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and <u>He is the propitiation for our sins</u>: and not for ours only, <u>but also for the sins of the whole world</u>." (1 John 1:8-10. 2:1-2)

Also, as it says: "Christ was offered once to bear the sins of **many**." We who believe on Jesus are amongst those "many" who have been ransomed by Christ Jesus. It is as Jesus Himself said:

"But it shall not be so among you; but whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the Son of Man (Jesus) came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:26-28)

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'All of you drink from it; for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed <u>for many</u> for the remission of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28)

Finally consider this exhortation from the apostle John:

"Beloved, let us love one another; **for love is of God**; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; **for God is love**. In this was manifested the love of God towards us, in that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, <u>so that we might live through Him</u>. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that <u>He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.</u> Beloved, <u>if God so loved us</u>, we ought also to love one another." (I John 4:7-11)

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For the Father loved us so very much that He sent His beloved Son Jesus to be the Savior of anyone who believes that Jesus did, in deeds, bear our sins on the Cross. And now Jesus abides in the presence of God as an Advocate for us!

Thank You Father and Son for Your amazing eternal Love for <u>us</u>!! All our Praise, and Love, and Thanksgiving be to You forever and ever! Amen & Amen!