

## **A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ROME**

### **THE LAMB'S GREAT SACRIFICE**

Romans 3:25-26 "God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

(Hebrews 10:1-4) ". . . it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. . ." Therefore, Jesus came into the world "And by that . . . we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Hebrews 10:10)

Thus, John the Baptist proclaimed to the people in the wilderness at the time he baptized Jesus, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) Peter's words in 1 Peter 1:18-19 add, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." Then Peter exclaims, "Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God." (1 Peter 1:21)

Those who are "in Christ" God declares righteous. They, which includes you, are sinless in God's sight because He sees all who have been washed in the blood of Jesus as sinless saints. Jesus, through His atoning sacrifice has fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, "For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations." (Isaiah 61:11)

Prayer: O Christ, You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Amen.

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain:     Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
              The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain:

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain:

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain:

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows,

His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain:

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