

“Why The Need For A Body?”

By Mike Riley

In Hebrews 10:5 NKJV, the Hebrew writer points out the fact that *“... Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.”* The Hebrew writer is arguing that animal sacrifices can never appease God (Heb 10:1-4; Heb 10:6-14). In Hebrews 10:5-8, the inspired writer does not say that God did not require such sacrifices, but that they could never take away sins (Heb 10:11 NKJV). The only sacrifice that could atone for sins was the perfect, sinless Son of God (cf. Heb 10:4-14 NKJV; 1 Pet 1:18-20 NKJV).

Let’s notice the words the writer uses in Heb 10:5 NKJV: *“...when He came into the world But a body You have prepared for Me.”* The “He” that was coming into the world was the pre-existent “ho logos” (“the Word” – John 1:1 NKJV). He comes into a body that was prepared for Him. The “He” existed before the body and the body was prepared “for Him.” Let’s ask ourselves, “Why the need for a body?”

A body was essential to the offering of a sacrifice (cf. Ex 12:1-13 NKJV). Without a body there could have been no sacrifice and without a sacrifice man would still be in his sins (Heb 9:28 NKJV; 1 Pet 2:24 NKJV). The body, offered once for all time, (Heb 10:5; Heb 10:10), stands in stark contrast to the blood of bulls and goats (Heb 10:1-4; Hebrews 10:11). The body also identified “ho logos” with mankind: *“For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted”* (Heb 2:18 NKJV).

A body, because it is physical, subjected “ho logos” to the suffering common to all men. Suffering was especially true of the Son, because He came as the light of the world and was hated by the darkness. He was despised, rejected, and beaten (cf. Isa 53:4-10 NKJV) — without a body that would not have been possible. And in His suffering we have a perfect example to follow (cf. 1 Pet 1:19-21 NKJV; 1 John 2:1-6 NKJV).

A body was essential — the ultimate goal being a perfect sacrifice for sin (1 Pet 1:18-19 NKJV; cf. Ex 12:5 NKJV). Thus, the “ho logos” came into the world to die for the sins of mankind. A body made Him one of us and by experiencing what we experience, He became our compassionate high priest (Heb 4:14-15 NKJV). And, because He suffered for righteousness in that body, He became our perfect example for dealing with our own sins and suffering (1 Jn 1:7-9; cf. 1 Kings 8:44-61 NKJV.)



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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

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Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
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Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson
Opening prayer- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Luke Chapman

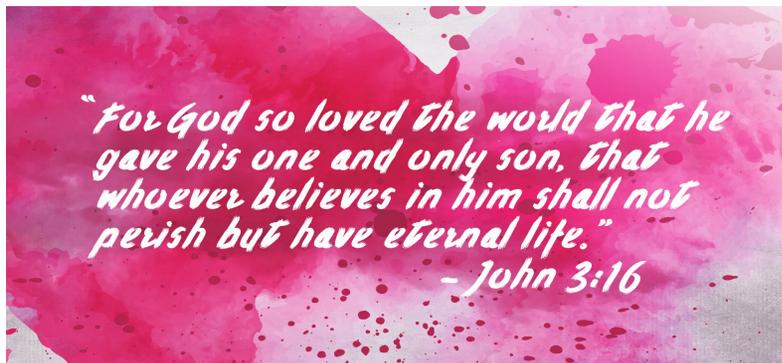
February 19th

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler
Opening prayer- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series: Tonight** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Gracie Aaron, Jean DeLukie, Rick VanLoon, David & Elaine Reppond, Todd Chapman, Sherry Miller, Sandra Nappier, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Lucille Hollis, Debbie Cook, Ronald Pettis, Johnny Fatheree, Debbie Grice, Ronnie White.

Bereaved: Families of Bob Teague, Lynn Walker, Lazelle Flowers, Randy Ramsey.

Continue to Pray For:

Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Bobby Simmons, Max Aubel. Roosevelt Rogers, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Virginia Royal, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr.



February birthdays

1 - Jay Anthony McDaniel
8 - Ed Haltom
9 - Lottie Dickson
13 - Alex Townsend
15 - Ronnie White
22 - Sybil Binford
28 - Danny Silmon



February Anniversaries- none