



The Repairer of the Broken

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In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

God sent his messenger, a man named John, who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light. This was the real light—the light that comes into the world and shines on all people.

The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father.

The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

John 1:1-14 (TEV)

All of Us Are Broken

All of us have been sinful; even our best actions are filthy through and through. Because of our sins we are like

leaves that wither and are blown away by the wind.
Isaiah 64:6 (TEV)

As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous— not even one."
Romans 3:10 (NLT)

All of Us Need Repaired

Forgiveness 1.0

- Based on a _____ Relationship
 - Noah
 - Abraham
 - Moses
 - David
- The Sacrifice Was Provided by the _____

"Tell the Israelites: If any of you bring a sacrifice to the LORD, you must offer an animal from your cattle, sheep, or goats."
Leviticus 1:2 (GW)

Then you must bring a female sheep or goat to me as the price for your sin. A priest will sacrifice the animal, and you will be forgiven.
Leviticus 5:6 (CEV)
- The Sacrifice Had to Be _____

"These are the LORD's appointed festivals. Celebrate them each year as official days for holy assembly by presenting special gifts to the LORD—burnt offerings, grain offerings, sacrifices, and liquid offerings—each on its proper day.
Leviticus 23:37 (NLT)

"These are the sacrifices you are to offer regularly on the altar. Each day, offer two lambs that are a year old,
Exodus 29:38 (NLT)

This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies—physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established. Hebrews 9:9-10 (NLT)

Forgiveness 2.0

But when the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law, Galatians 4:4 (TEV)

- The Sacrifice Was _____ by God As A _____

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all. Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

Because all people have sinned, they have fallen short of God's glory. They receive God's approval freely by an act of his kindness through the price Christ Jesus paid to set us free {from sin}. Romans 3:23-24 (GW)

The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Romans 8:3 (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18a (NLT)

- The Sacrifice Was _____

He used his own blood, not the blood of goats and bulls, for the sacrifice. He went into the most holy place and offered this sacrifice once and for all to free us forever. Hebrews 9:12 (GW)

- Based on a _____ Relationship

You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel. Hebrews 12:24 (NLT)

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To:

- Give my life to the one who offered himself as a sacrifice for me.
- Admit that while I know I am broken I struggle when it comes to committing my life to Christ.
- Celebrate the forgiveness that I have found in Jesus .
- Meditate on and/or memorize Matthew 11:28