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**B. Christ died on the cross not only for our sins but also as sin itself, having been made sin on our behalf by God:**

1. We were not only sinful—we were sin itself; we were the constitution of sin, the embodiment of sin.
2. After God laid our sins upon the crucified Christ, God considered Him the unique sinner.
3. When Christ died for us as our Substitute, God considered Him not only the sin-bearer but sin itself; when Christ was crucified, sin was crucified.
4. As the One who was made sin on our behalf, Christ was judged by God once for all.]]

**II. As the reality of the sin offering, Christ the Son was sent “in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin” so that God could condemn sin in the flesh:**

**A. As the Word that was with God and that was God, Christ became flesh :**

1. In the Bible, especially in the New Testament, flesh denotes the fallen man, not the God-created man.
2. Our flesh is not only flesh but also sinful flesh; however, the flesh of Christ was not sinful flesh.
3. When the Word became flesh, the flesh of Jesus was joined to fallen man with sinful flesh, but in His flesh there was not the element of sin; Satan could not enter into Jesus’ flesh.

**B. God sent His Son only “in the likeness of the flesh of sin”; the Son did not actually have the flesh of sin but only the form, the likeness, of the flesh of sin:**

1. That the Word became flesh means that the Triune God became a man of flesh in the likeness of a sinful man.
2. Christ became flesh to be indirectly involved with sin—only in the likeness of the flesh of sin but not in the reality.
3. By so doing, God entered into humanity and became one with sinful man; however, He had only the likeness of a sinful man but not the sin of a sinful man, only the form of a fallen man but not the sinful nature of a fallen man.
4. In His death Christ as a man in the flesh caused sin to be condemned in the flesh by God:
  - a. The flesh is of sin, and the Son of God did indeed become flesh; however, He had no participation in the sin of the flesh.
  - b. When God the Father sent God the Son concerning sin and to deal with sin, even to abolish it, He sent Him not in the reality of the flesh of sin but in the likeness, the appearance, of the flesh of sin.
  - c. While Christ was on the cross, God condemned sin in the flesh of Jesus Christ, the One who was sent in the likeness of the flesh of sin.

**III. “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up”:**

**A. As the One who was sent by the Father in the likeness of the flesh of sin, Christ is typified by the bronze serpent in Numbers 21:4–9:]]**

1. When the children of Israel spoke against God and against Moses, “Jehovah sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died”.
2. God told Moses to make “a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole”; “Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the pole; and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived”.

**B. The incident in Numbers 21 was sovereignly prepared by God to reveal a particular type of Christ:**

1. As a serpent in form, the bronze serpent lifted up on a pole is a type of Christ lifted up on the cross for us:
  - a. In verse 14 the Lord Jesus applied this type to Himself, indicating that when He was in the flesh, He was in “the likeness of the flesh of sin”, which likeness is equal to the form of the bronze serpent.

**IV. “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil”:**

**A. As sinners, we need God’s salvation, and as those who are snared and troubled by the devil, we need the Lord Jesus to destroy the works of the devil.**

**B. When the Son of God was on earth, He destroyed the works of the devil:**

1. Often Satan’s work was not obvious; he hid behind natural phenomena.
2. Although the devil hid behind many natural phenomena, the Lord Jesus rebuked him.

**C. In 1 John 3:8 the Greek word translated “destroy” may also be translated “undo, dissolve”:**

1. The devil has sinned continually from ancient times and begets sinners that they might practice sin with him.

**V. “Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil”:**

**A. The manifestation of the Lord Jesus destroyed the works of the devil, and the death of the Lord Jesus destroyed the devil himself.]]**

**B. It was through His being a serpent in form that the Lord Jesus crushed the head of the old serpent, the devil:**

1. The serpent is a symbol of the devil; the Lord Jesus was crucified as a serpent in form in order to deal with the devil, Satan.
2. In this way He judged the ruler of this world: “Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out”:
  - a. Satan as the old serpent, the ruler of the world, had injected himself into man’s flesh.
  - b. Through His death on the cross in the likeness of the flesh of sin, the Lord destroyed Satan, who is in man’s flesh.
  - c. By judging Satan in this way, the Lord also judged the world,

b. The bronze serpent had only the form of the serpent but was without the serpent's poison; Christ was lifted up only as a serpent in form, for He did not have the poisonous nature of a serpent.

2. As sinful human beings, we actually are serpentine; in our fallen nature we are children of the old serpent, the devil:

a. We are all serpentine beings with the poison of the serpent in our nature; in our fallen nature we are not only sinful—we are serpentine as well.

b. In the sight of God, the entire fallen human race consists of poisonous serpents.

3. Because we are such serpents, we needed a Substitute; we needed Christ to die for us in the form of a serpent but without the poisonous element of the serpent.]]

2. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might undo and destroy the sinful deeds of the devil, that is, condemn, through His death on the cross in the flesh, sin initiated by him, the evil one; destroy the power of sin, the sinful nature of the devil; and take away both sin and sins.

which is hanging on Satan; hence, the Lord's being lifted up caused the world to be judged and its ruler to be cast out.

**C. In His crucifixion Christ destroyed the devil:**

1. In verse 14 the Greek word translated "destroy" can also be rendered as "bring to nought, make of none effect, do away with, abolish, annul, discard."
  2. In His humanity and through His work on the cross, Christ has destroyed the devil.
  3. Christ died not only as the Substitute of fallen men, who had been bitten by the serpent, but also to destroy the devil.
- D. Hallelujah, through Christ as the reality of the sin offering, the devil has been destroyed!]]**

**Day1:** *Rom6:10 For the death which He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life which He lives, He lives to God.*

*2 Cor5:21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**Day2:** *John1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.*

*Rom8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,*

**Day3:** *Gen6:3 And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years.*

*1 Tim3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.*

**Day4:** *John3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 That every one who believes into Him may have eternal life.*

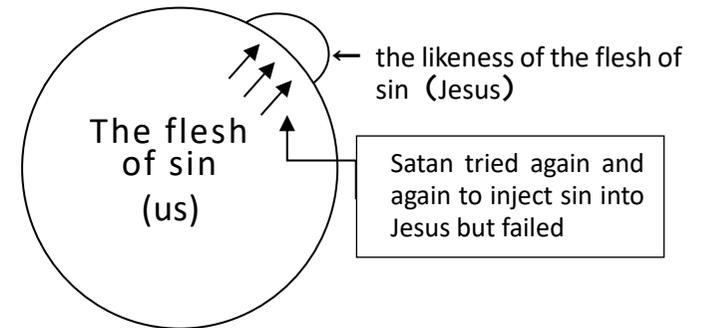
*Num21:8 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live. 9 And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the pole; and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.*

**Day5:** *1 John3:8 He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*

*Heb2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,*

**Day6:** *John12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.*

*16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.*



Experience①: Because the Son of God was sent in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, God condemned sin in the flesh.

John 1:14 does not say that the Word became a man; it says that the Word became flesh. When the Son of God became a man, man had become old, and man had become flesh. In the Bible, especially in the New Testament, flesh denotes fallen man. The Bible tells us that God created man, but God did not create the flesh. Genesis 1 tells us that after God created man, He “saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good” (v. 31), indicating that the man God created was very good. In Genesis 3, however, this God-created man fell, and in Genesis 6 this fallen man became the corrupted, fallen flesh through sin (v. 3). Romans 3:20 says that out of the works of the law “no flesh shall be justified before Him.” Flesh here refers to fallen man. In the eyes of God, fallen mankind is simply flesh.

In His death Christ as a man in the flesh caused sin to be condemned in the flesh by God. Romans 8:3 says, “God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh.” The flesh is of sin, and the Son of God did indeed become flesh. However, He was only in the likeness of the flesh and had no participation in the sin of the flesh. According to Romans 8:3, God sent His Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin so that God might condemn sin in the flesh.

For Junior/Senior High School Students

“The Word, the Son of God, became flesh” means Christ the Son has the human life and nature. The “flesh” here is the “likeness of the flesh of sin according to Romans 8:3. Because Christ was a genuine and proper man but did not have sin, His humanity was the “likeness of the flesh of sin”. As the reality of the sin offering, Christ the Son has been sent “in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin,” so that God was able to condemn sin in the flesh.

Rom 8:3 ...God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

If Christ were not a man, He could not die as our substitute to solve the problem of sin. And also if the humanity of Christ were not the likeness of the flesh of sin, His death on the cross was because of sin and so He was not able to die as our substitute. The word, “the likeness of the flesh of sin” does have such a meaning. Hallelujah! God eventually was able to condemn sin because Christ was put on the cross in the likeness of the flesh of sin. Please see the figure in the previous page. While Lord Jesus was living on the earth, Satan has repeatedly tried to infuse sin into Him, but couldn't succeed. Then the Lord died on the cross in the likeness of the flesh of sin, and sin was condemned. Hallelujah!

Rom 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit. 5 For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Sin needs to be condemned so that we do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit. Because the effects on the cross are included in the all-inclusive life-giving spirit, if you do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit, and set your mind on the spirit, then you will be released from sin and experience to have peace.

For example, you may be jealous when your teacher praise other person. You don't like to get jealous so you try to exercise your patience, but you see envy is overflowing from within. This is a work of indwelling sin. In such case, you should return to your spirit and pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord Jesus. I take you as my sin offering. You have died on the cross in the likeness of the flesh of sin and so sin was condemned, so that I don't live according to the flesh and am not bothered by sin, but I live according to the spirit to be released from sin and to gain peace. Please save me from being filled with envy. Amen!”

Experience②: Through death Christ has destroyed Satan the devil, who has the might of death

We must believe that the Lord was manifested for the purpose of destroying the works of the devil....When He was on earth, He destroyed the work of the devil wherever He went. Often Satan's work was not obvious; he hid behind natural phenomena. However, the Lord rebuked him every time. It is clear that He was rebuking Satan when He rebuked Peter's speaking, when He rebuked the fever of Peter's mother-in-law, and when He rebuked the winds and the waves....Wherever the Lord went, the power of the devil was shattered. This is why He said, “But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.” In other words, wherever the Lord went, Satan was cast out, and the kingdom of God was manifested. Satan could not remain where the Lord was.

The devil sins continually from ancient times and begets sinners to practice sin with him. Hence, for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might undo and destroy the devil's sinful deeds—that is, condemn, through death on the cross in the flesh, sin initiated by him, the evil one; destroy the power of sin, the sinful nature of the devil; and take away both sin and sins.

We must believe that through death the Lord Jesus has destroyed him who has the might of death, the devil. The manifestation of the Lord Jesus destroyed the works of the devil, and the death of the Lord Jesus destroyed the devil himself.

For working young saints/graduate students

In business life, Satan constantly hinders you from becoming an overcomer, traps you in unbelief and works on you to make you a defeated Christian. Satan threatens you to listen to what the boss says, and whispers to you that the company will fire you if not doing more overtime. The more you listen to such whisper of Satan, the more you tremble with fear. And an unbelief emerges as to whether the business life is more important than the church life. Under these circumstances, you need to experience that Christ through His death has destroyed the devil.

Heb. 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil, 15 And might release those who because of the fear of death through all their life were held in slavery.16 For assuredly it is not to angels that He gives help, but He gives help to the seed of Abraham. 18 For being tempted in that which He Himself has suffered, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

You must fight not to fall in unbelief. To fight against it, you need to carry out the following.

- i. Before you listen to Satan's whisper, you need to pray-read the Word first to listen to the Lord's speaking every morning. You wake up in the morning, and after dressing up, you need to come to the Word first. Faith comes from listening to the Word.
- ii. Fellowship with your vital partner, explain your situation and ask for his interceding prayers. At such time, it is necessary to explain the situation in detail so that he can easily take up the burden and pray for you. Also, when the situation improves, together you need to praise the Lord with him.
- iii. Call on the Lord's name also at work, pray with faith in your spirit, "Oh, Lord Jesus, you have destroyed Satan the devil on the cross. I shall experience this in the trials of my business life. Satan, you are barking like a lion, trying to threaten and weaken me, but with faith I declare that Christ and the church are much stronger than you. Why are you still here? Our Lord has already destroyed you through the death on the cross. Satan, the Devil, return to the cross! The cross is where you belong for now, and the lake of fire is your eternal dwelling place."

1. おお、何というあいでしょう、すくいぬしは血をながし、  
わたしのために死に、すくいをじょう就された！  
わたしがつみをおかしたのに、かみがわたしに代わり死なれた！  
なんというあいでしょう、かみはわがため死ぬ！
2. おお、何というおく義でしょう、だれも知り尽くせぬもの、  
かみのあいのひろさ、ながさ、たかさ、ふかさを！  
てん使たちも知らないすくい。ぜん地は伏して、主をほめたとう。  
すべてはあわれみ、いま、れいはいします！
3. おお、何というめぐみでしょう、主はちちの御座をはなれ、  
御身を捨て、血ながし、のぞみなきひとすくう；  
めぐみは無だい価で無げんに、つみにあるわたしにもおよんだ！  
無だい価のめぐみ、わたしにさえおよぶ！
4. おお、何というかい放でしょう、主はめぐみによりすくう；  
つみの奴れいとされ、くらきにいたわたしを；  
くさはりは落ち、かいほうされて、主にしたがいでゆき、かん喜満ちる。  
そくばく解かれて、こころ、歓喜に満ちる。
5. おお、何というへい安でしょう、もはやつみさだめはなし；  
主、わがうちに生きて、しんせいな義はおおう；  
めぐみの御座にすすみ出れば、キリストはわがかんむりとなる。  
だいたんにすすみ、主をかんむりとし受く。

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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2. 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love Divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
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3. He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.
4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
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1. 救主流血所成救恩，  
罪是我犯，死歸祂受，  
驚人之愛，何竟如此？  
驚人之愛，何竟如此？  
我是何人竟也有分？  
祂替我死，為將我救！  
我主我神為我受死！  
我主我神為我受死！
2. 不能死者，竟然受死！  
神聖之愛，高深長闊，  
所有天使不必臆猜，  
所有天使不必臆猜，  
全是奧秘，誰能盡知？  
最高天使也難測度！  
全是憐憫，當得敬拜！  
全是憐憫，當得敬拜！
3. 離開天上父的寶座，  
虛己、舍身，流血、贖罪，  
全是憐憫，無量、白給，  
全是憐憫，無量、白給，  
降世為人，恩何廣闊；  
為救亞當無望族類；  
竟然臨及我這罪魁！  
竟然臨及我這罪魁！
4. 天性黑暗，邪惡滿心，  
你眼垂顧，帶來恩光，  
鎖鏈盡脫，全人釋放，  
鎖鏈盡脫，全人釋放，  
我靈久為罪惡監禁；  
我立蘇醒，囚牢明亮，  
起來隨主，心中歡暢。  
起來隨主，心中歡暢。
5. 不再定罪，尚何懼憂？  
活在元首基督裡面，  
坦然來到施恩座前，  
坦然來到施恩座前，  
主和一切盡歸我有！  
神聖之義將我遮掩；  
有主基督作我冠冕。  
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5. No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness Divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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