#### ALL ACCESS How Far Would Someone Go To Rescue the One They Loved?

# **CHAPTER FOUR: SATISFIED AND JUSTIFIED**

Exodus 27:1-8 The Bronze Altar

# The altar represented the claims of a holy and righteous God which must be <u>satisfied</u> before He can meet with man and bless him.

"I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy." Leviticus 11:44a (NIV)

Any deviation from perfection must be punished by the person or a substitute.

**Sacrifice:** A voluntary surrender of something valuable.

#### Why did God require a blood sacrifice? Because blood represents life.

"For the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the Lord. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible." Leviticus 17:11 (NLT)

#### When you have given your <u>blood</u> you've given your <u>all</u>.

# Jesus was the Lamb of God.

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29 (NIV)

# Jesus was the sacrificer, the sacrifice, the priest, and the High Priest.

"'He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'By his wounds you have been healed.'" 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) God's wrath is satisfied and I am justified.

"Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!"

Romans 5:9 (NIV)

# Acceptance of Jesus as my substitute makes me acceptable to God.

*"For God caused Christ, who himself knew nothing of sin, actually to be sin for our sakes, so that in Christ we might be made good with the goodness of God."* 2 Corinthians 5:21 (PH)

"Brothers! Listen! In this man Jesus, there is forgiveness for your sins! Everyone who trusts in him is freed from all guilt and declared righteous – something the Jewish law could never do."

Acts 13:38, 39 (LB)

"All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends." 2 Corinthians 5:18a (GN)

#### Committing myself wholly to God is now my sacrifice.

"With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him."

Romans 12:1a (Ph)

"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."

Acts 20:24 (NIV)

#### Loving God above all others is ultimately what God desires most.

"The Lord your God will change your heart and the hearts of all your descendants, so that you will love him with all your heart and soul and so you may live." Deuteronomy 30:6 (NIV)

Truth to Believe: God accepts me!

# CHAPTER FIVE: CLEAN HEART, CLEAN HANDS

Exodus 30:17-21 The Bronze Laver

At his dedication to the priesthood, each priest was given a <u>complete bath</u>. Thereafter, he only needed <u>daily cleansing</u>.

# We are all now priests and we have a High Priest.

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:5 9 (NIV) "The whole point of what we are saying is that we have a High Priest who sits at the right of the throne of the Divine Majesty of heaven. He serves as high priest in the Most Holy Place, that is, in the real tent which was put up by the Lord, not by human hands." Hebrews 8:1, 2 (NIV)

Just like the priest only needed a <u>once</u>-for-all bath , so do I.

What happens when a Christian sins? Our sin is met with God's grace.

I find the cleansing for my life in the <u>Word of God</u>. "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." John 17:17 (NIV)

Truth to Believe: God cleanses and forgives me!