

**John # 116 “The Shadow Reflects Reality” *John 6:53-63***

**The phrase: “The blood of Christ” describes the only truly effective sin offering.**

**Our Lord had figurative blood and literal blood; His literal blood was shed during the first 3 hours on the cross for a short time and it has nothing to do with our salvation.**

***It is His figurative blood when during the last 3 hours He was bearing our sins as they were poured out upon Him.***

**That is the figurative blood of Christ, describing His substitutionary sacrifice and that alone is what saves us; that is what tore down the veil between the Holy place and the Holy of Holies in the temple.**

**The shadow blood of animals was used to inaugurate the first covenant, the Mosaic law, a shadow covenant.**

**The shadow blood was real animal blood pointing to the reality of the blood of Christ, the only truly effective substitutionary sacrifice of Christ on the cross in bearing and being judged for our sins.**

***So, it is a representative analogy between the substitutionary physical death of the animal on the altar and the substitutionary spiritual death of Jesus Christ on the cross.***

**Propitiation is the Godward side of salvation where the essence of God is made compatible with man’s redemption through Jesus Christ.**

**Propitiation means satisfaction and God the Father is satisfied with the work of God the Son on the cross; He is so satisfied that His righteousness and Justice are not compromised! *The perfection of Jesus Christ satisfies the righteousness of the Father and Christ being judged for our sins, His effective sacrifice, satisfies the justice of the Father.***

**Every believer is in union with the Lord Jesus Christ and the Lord Jesus Christ indwells all believers.**

**Everything we need to face today or tomorrow has been provided yesterday by our Father. *We live and are sustained because of the Son of God.***

**You as a believer in Christ, will never have a need for which He has not already made provision.**

**Repetition is your friend.**

**“hearing” is from the Greek *akouo* meaning:**

**1. to hear 2. to hear and understand 3. to hear and accept**

**The Gospel is only hard or difficult to the unbeliever who has a negative reaction to God’s truth.**

***The grace of God irritates the mind of the unbeliever.***

**Just as the Lord Jesus Christ is not surprised when the message of grace is rejected, the pastor-teacher should not be shaken by the same response.**

**1. Know God 2. Know man 3. Know the plan of God.**

*You can get to a place where you know so much biblical truth that no one can ever shock you, hurt you or even catch you off guard!*

**“God is not more, cannot promise more or do more than Christ is said to be, to promise and to do.” Charles Hodge**