

FIFTY REASONS FOR THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST
A Sermon Series for Easter Week, Message 3
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INTRODUCTION:

PROPOSITION: This morning we shall consider the third ten of fifty reasons for the Passion of the Christ.

21. TO RECONCILE US TO GOD.

- A. Reconciliation goes two ways: our attitude toward God must be changed from defiance to faith and God's attitude toward us must be changed from wrath to mercy.
- B. Rom. 5:10:

22. TO BRING US TO GOD.

- A. When all is said and done, God is the Gospel.
- B. 1 Peter 5:18; Eph. 2:13

23. SO THAT WE MIGHT BELONG TO HIM.

- A. The ultimate question is not *who* you are but *Whose* you are!
- B. Rom. 7:4; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Acts 20:28.

24. TO GIVE US CONFIDENT ACCESS TO THE HOLIEST PLACE.

- A. The Old Testament Tabernacle was a shadow of the Reality in Heaven!
- B. Heb. 10:19.

25. TO BECOME FOR US THE PLACE WHERE WE MEET GOD.

- A. Jesus came to replace the temple as the place to meet God.

B. John 2:19-21

26. TO BRING THE OLD TESTAMENT PRIESTHOOD TO AN END AND BECOME THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST.

A. Jesus us our priest “once and for all” (ephapax).

B. Heb. 7:23-27; 9:24-26; 10:11, 12.

27. TO BECOME A SYMPATHETIC AND HELPFUL HIGH PRIEST.

A. Christ became “flesh” so that He could be a “sympathetic” High priest!

B. Heb. 4:5-16.

28. TO FREE US FROM THE FUTILITY OF OUR ANCESTRY.

A. When Jesus Christ dies, all the blessings of Heaven were purchased for those who trust Him.

B. 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

29. TO FREE US FROM THE SLAVERY OF SIN.

A. Our sin damns us with guilt and enslaves us to lovelessness.

B. Rev. 1:5, 6; Heb. 13:12.

30. THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SIN AND LIVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A. Because Jesus died “in our place,” we have “died to sin.”

B. 1 Peter 2:24.

APPLICATION: What do these reasons for the Passion mean to you?

1. You do not need an earthly priest.

2. Jesus is your High Priest.
3. You are a “priest” before God.
4. Go “boldly before the throne of grace”!
5. Intercede for others, and seek to lead them to Christ.