

## **How it is possible that a being can sacrifice to Himself? (1 Pet 1:19)**

*1 Peter 1:16-21*

*because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

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Let's look at this. It says that he was manifest in these last times. What does this mean? Well, we are told specifically what it means:

*1 Tim 3:16*

*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.*

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Without controversy, or beyond any doubt, God was manifest in the flesh. This clearly provides us with the identity of Jesus being God. Now, how is it possible that He could be sacrificed? Perhaps it is better to ask the question as to whether there was anyone else who qualified.

As it says above, one of the qualifications was to be a lamb without blemish, or spot, or in order words sinless.

*Rom 3:21-25*

*But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate*

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All have sinned, with but one exception as we are told here:

*Heb 4:15-16*

*For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

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Thus only Jesus qualified as our Saviour. But we were told this even in the Old Testament. Let's see who we were told that the Redeemer would be:

*Ps 19:14*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.*

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*Jer 50:34*

*Their Redeemer is strong; The LORD of hosts is His name.*

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*Isa 60:16*

*You shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.*

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*Isa 44:6*

*"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.*

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All of these clearly show that the Redeemer is God, especially Is 44:6. Besides the Redeemer, there is no God, therefore Jesus is the one and only true Almighty God.

How is it possible for a being to sacrifice Himself?

The fact is that it was not possible that there could be any other Redeemer. This would be a major problem for those who hold that God exists as a single person (not a trinity) and exists in a single place, but is easily explained and presents no issue to those who accept the doctrine of the trinity as given in scripture.

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