

# A Body Prepared For Me

## – Hebrews 10:5-7

**Hebrews 10:5-7** [NIV] *“Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: ‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, “Here I am, it is written about me in the scroll, I have come to do your will, O God.””*”

Jesus Christ knew that He was the physical body that God the Father had chosen to fulfil His work of reconciliation.

To be God in a human body so that Jesus Christ could serve all humanity by sacrificing His life as a substitute for our deserved death, because of our sins.

Note *“to do your will O God.”*

**Every Christian has been called to fulfil a certain purpose of the Creator God, His will.**

Meditating on the scripture can give us an insight into how God works with and in human beings.

**John 10:15, 17-18** [New King James] *“As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.” ... “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”*

Jesus Christ as the very Son of God chose to lay down His life for humanity to fulfil the will of God the Father.

**John 13:37-38** [New King James] *“Peter said to Him, ‘Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.’”*

Peter loved his Master Jesus Christ so much that he was willing to lay down his life for Him, at that time **not** really knowing what that involved.

**John 15:13** [New King James] *“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”*

**To lay down our life for other human beings is the greatest way we can show love for them.**

**1 John 3:16** [New King James] *“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”*

We should follow the example of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 20:28** [King James] *“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

If we are to be used by God in His work of reconciliation, this is the attitude of mind we must have.

The Greek word translated *“minister”* is *“diakōnēō”* meaning servant.

Paul and the other apostles extended the meaning of this word by introducing themselves as *“dōulōs”* meaning bond slave, [**Romans 1:1; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1**].

When God chooses a human being to be His minister, “*dōulōs*,” bond slave, He is seeking a physical body that Jesus Christ can use, through the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit, to fulfil His will.

**As a “*dōulōs*” of the Creator God, I consider myself merely a body whom the Holy Spirit can use to speak and express God’s love and mercy to other people.**

God’s sovereign choice is the **only** thing that makes me any different to any other human being whom the Creator God has not yet called to receive salvation, [**John 6:44**].

**Romans 12:1** [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.”*

It was **not** my choice to be made a “*dōulōs*” of the Creator God.

The only possible influence I may have had on this choice is that over the years as a result of the influence of my physical father on my younger life I had found the same joy that he had found in helping people in need.

**Also, I realise that becoming a “*living sacrifice*” allows me to worship the Creator God in a way that is acceptable to Him.**

**Romans 12:2** [NIV] *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

**The Creator God, whom I love, has also re-educated me by the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the most wonderful gift from God that any human can receive.**

Any human being who worships the Creator God by offering themselves as a “*living sacrifice*” will be used by the Creator God in some way to fulfil His sovereign will.

I encourage you to join this band of joy-filled group of people, it will be the most important decision you will ever make.