



FEAST OF ATONEMENT TEACHING

JESUS CHRIST: OUR ATONEMENT

What the Blood of Jesus Is,
What It Did, and What It Continues to Do

With the Mystery of the Blood Revealed in Revelation

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Primary texts: Leviticus 16:29-34; Hebrews 9:11-14; Hebrews 10:19-22

Supporting text: Romans 5:8-11

Introduction

Tonight, as we observe the Day of Atonement, we are not merely remembering an ancient ceremony. We are looking through the shadows of the Old Testament and beholding the substance revealed in Jesus Christ.

The Day of Atonement was the most solemn day on Israel's calendar. It was a day of humility, repentance, fasting, cleansing, sacrifice, and reconciliation with God. Under the Old Covenant, the high priest entered the most holy place once each year with sacrificial blood. He made atonement for himself, his household, the priesthood, the sanctuary, and the people.

Leviticus 16:30 - "For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD."

But the blood of animals could never permanently remove sin. Those sacrifices pointed forward to a perfect sacrifice, a sinless Lamb, and an everlasting High Priest. Jesus Christ is our High Priest. Jesus Christ is our sacrifice. Jesus Christ is our mercy seat. Jesus Christ is our atonement.

John 1:29 - "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

1. What Is Atonement?

Atonement is the work by which sin is covered, its penalty is satisfied, the guilty person is cleansed, and the broken relationship between God and humanity is reconciled.

Isaiah 59:2 - "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you."

Human beings could not repair this separation by good works, religious activity, human morality, or personal sacrifice. Sin demanded judgment, and death was the penalty.

Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Therefore, God Himself provided the sacrifice necessary for our redemption. Jesus did not simply bring the offering - He became the offering.

2. The Old Testament High Priest Pointed to Jesus

On the Day of Atonement, the high priest entered the most holy place alone. He could not enter without blood.

Leviticus 16:15 - "Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail."

The earthly high priest entered a sanctuary made by human hands. Jesus entered the true heavenly sanctuary.

Hebrews 9:11-12 - "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands... Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

- The Old Testament high priest entered every year. Jesus entered once.
- The high priest brought the blood of another sacrifice. Jesus brought His own blood.
- The earthly sacrifice provided temporary ceremonial cleansing. Jesus obtained eternal redemption.
- The high priest finished the ceremony and left. Jesus finished His work and sat down at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 10:12 - "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

3. What Is the Blood of Jesus?

The blood of Jesus is not ordinary blood. It is the blood of the sinless Son of God - the blood of the Lamb without spot or blemish.

1 Peter 1:18-19 - "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

- His blood is precious because His life was sinless.
- His blood is powerful because death could not conquer Him.
- His blood is sufficient because no additional sacrifice is necessary.
- His blood is eternal in effectiveness because He obtained eternal redemption for us.
- His blood is covenant blood because it established the New Covenant between God and His people.

Matthew 26:28 - "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

The blood represents the life that Jesus willingly gave. He was not an unwilling victim. He offered Himself.

John 10:18 - "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself."

4. What Did the Blood of Jesus Do for Us?

The Blood Paid the Price for Our Redemption

To redeem means to purchase someone out of bondage by paying the required price. Humanity was in bondage to sin, but Jesus paid our ransom with His blood.

Ephesians 1:7 - "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

We were not redeemed by money, good works, church membership, family heritage, or religious titles. We were redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

The Blood Satisfied the Judgment Against Sin

Romans 3:25 - God set forth Jesus "To be a propitiation through faith in his blood."

Propitiation means that the righteous judgment of God against sin was satisfied. God did not ignore sin or pretend that it did not matter. The penalty was paid through the sacrifice of Jesus. At the cross, mercy and justice met together.

The Blood Forgave Our Sins

Hebrews 9:22 - "And without shedding of blood is no remission."

Jesus shed His blood so that our sins could be remitted, forgiven, and removed from our account. His blood addresses every sin we bring to Him in genuine repentance. No sin is stronger than the blood, but the blood must never be treated as permission to continue willfully in sin. Grace delivers us from sin; it does not give us a license to remain in bondage.

The Blood Justified Us

Romans 5:9 - "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

To be justified means to be declared righteous before God. The blood does more than pardon the guilty; through faith in Jesus, it gives the believer a new standing before God. We stand before God not upon our goodness, but upon the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

The Blood Reconciled Us to God

Colossians 1:20 - "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself."

Sin made us enemies of God, but the death of Jesus made reconciliation possible. The blood ended the hostility. Through Jesus, we can have peace with God.

The Blood Cleanses Our Conscience

Hebrews 9:14 - "How much more shall the blood of Christ... purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The blood of Jesus does not merely cleanse our record; it cleanses our conscience so that we can serve God in freedom. The enemy, people, and even you may remember your past. But when God applies the blood, your past no longer determines your standing before Him.

The Blood Gives Us Access to God

Hebrews 10:19-22 - "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus... Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith."

When Jesus died, the veil was torn from top to bottom. Because of the blood, we do not have to stand at a distance. We can approach God in prayer, worship, repentance, and faith.

The Blood Sanctifies Us

Hebrews 13:12 - "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."

To sanctify means to cleanse, consecrate, and set apart for God's purpose. Jesus did not shed His blood only to deliver us from punishment. He shed His blood to make us a holy people.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - "Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

The Blood Established the New Covenant

Luke 22:20 - "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

Through this covenant, God writes His laws upon our hearts, forgives our sins, gives us His Spirit, and brings us into relationship with Himself. The New Covenant does not remove obedience. It moves obedience from merely being written upon stone to being written upon the heart.

Hebrews 10:16 - "I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them."

The Blood Gives Us Victory Over the Accuser

Revelation 12:11 - "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

Our answer is not that we have never failed. Our answer is that Jesus died, shed His blood, rose again, and is now our Advocate and High Priest. The blood is the legal basis of our victory, and our testimony openly declares what Jesus has done.

5. What Does the Blood Continue to Do?

His Blood Continues to Cleanse

1 John 1:7 - "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light... the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The promise is connected to walking in the light. The blood is not a cloak for deliberate rebellion. It is God's provision for those who walk honestly before Him and respond to

conviction with repentance.

1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

His Blood Continues to Speak

Hebrews 12:24 speaks of "Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."

Abel's blood cried out for justice. Jesus' blood speaks forgiveness, mercy, redemption, reconciliation, and peace. The blood says the price has been paid, the repentant can be forgiven, the captive delivered, the guilty justified, the separated reconciled, and the unclean cleansed.

Jesus Continues as Our High Priest

Hebrews 7:25 - "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Our High Priest is alive. He understands our weaknesses, intercedes for us, and invites us to come boldly to the throne of grace.

6. The Two Goats and the Complete Work of Jesus

Leviticus 16 presents two goats. One was killed as a sin offering, and its blood was taken into the sanctuary. The other, commonly called the scapegoat, had the sins of the people confessed over it and was sent into the wilderness.

- The slain goat demonstrated that sin requires the shedding of blood.
- The scapegoat demonstrated the removal of sin from the people.

Jesus fulfilled both pictures. He died for our sins, and He carried our sins away.

1 Peter 2:24 - "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."

Psalms 103:12 - "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

7. The Sacrifice Was Once for All

Hebrews 10:4 - "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."

Those sacrifices were repeated because their work was incomplete. But concerning Jesus:

Hebrews 10:10 - "We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Jesus does not need to die again. His blood has not lost its power. His sacrifice needs no improvement or assistance. When Jesus cried, "It is finished," He announced that the price of redemption had been fully paid.

We do not observe this solemn time because Jesus' sacrifice was insufficient. We observe it to humble ourselves, examine our hearts, repent of sin, remember the cost of our redemption, and honor the One who became our atonement.

8. The Mystery of the Blood Revealed in Revelation

The Book of Revelation does not introduce a different gospel. It unveils the eternal meaning, heavenly authority, and final victory of the blood of Jesus Christ. What appeared at Calvary to be weakness and defeat is revealed in heaven as the power by which Christ redeemed a people, defeated the accuser, established His Kingdom, and secured eternal victory.

The Lamb Was Slain in God's Eternal Purpose

Revelation 13:8 speaks of "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Jesus was crucified at a particular moment in history, but His sacrifice was not an emergency plan created after humanity sinned. Before the world was founded, God already knew the cost of our redemption. Before there was human sin, there was already a Lamb in the purpose of God. Before there was guilt, God had already prepared grace.

1 Peter 1:19-20 - We were redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world."

Calvary happened in time, but the purpose of the blood was established in eternity.

The Lamb Bears the Evidence of His Sacrifice

Revelation 5:6 - "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne... stood a Lamb as it had been slain."

Jesus is alive, yet He appears as the Lamb who was slain. His wounds are not evidence of defeat; they are eternal evidence of His victory. The Lamb stands because death could not hold Him. The Lamb appears slain because His sacrifice will never be forgotten. The slain Lamb is also the standing Lamb.

The Blood Purchased a People for God

Revelation 5:9 - "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

Revelation 5:10 - "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

The blood changed both our ownership and our identity. We were captives, but now we are redeemed. We were separated, but now we belong to God. The blood purchased the Church,

created a covenant people, and prepared a Kingdom.

The Blood Makes Dirty Garments White

Revelation 7:14 - "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Naturally, blood stains clothing red. But spiritually, the blood of Jesus washes stained garments and makes them white. This is one of the great mysteries of redemption: blood that would naturally stain is the only substance that can cleanse the stain of sin.

Isaiah 1:18 - "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

The Blood Silences the Accuser

Revelation 12:10 identifies Satan as "the accuser of our brethren... which accused them before our God day and night."

Revelation 12:11 - "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

The accuser presents evidence of our guilt, but the blood presents evidence that our debt has been paid. The blood does not say that we have never sinned. It says that Jesus paid the penalty for every sin genuinely confessed and forsaken.

Romans 8:33-34 - "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?"

The Blood Produces Faithfulness Even Unto Death

Revelation 12:11 concludes, "And they loved not their lives unto the death."

The blood does not merely protect believers from difficulty; it produces a people who remain faithful to Jesus even in suffering. The blood assures them that death cannot have the final word.

Revelation 1:18 - "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore."

The Blood Reveals God's Love and Releases Us From Sin

Revelation 1:5 identifies Jesus as "Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

The blood is the greatest revelation of God's love. Jesus did not merely speak about love; He demonstrated love by giving Himself for us. His blood pardons us, washes us, and releases us from sin's dominion.

The Robe Dipped in Blood

Revelation 19:13 - "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."

The Lamb who shed His blood for salvation will return as the victorious King. The crucified Christ is also the conquering Christ. At His first coming, Jesus came as the suffering Lamb. At

His return, He will be revealed as King of kings and Lord of lords. Today His blood offers forgiveness to the repentant; those who continually reject His mercy will eventually face His righteous judgment.

The Mystery Summarized

- The Lamb was slain, yet He stands alive.
- His sacrifice occurred in history, yet it was purposed from the foundation of the world.
- His blood was shed in apparent weakness, yet it possesses eternal power.
- His blood was poured out on earth, yet it is honored in heaven.
- His blood naturally appears to stain, yet spiritually it makes garments white.
- His blood purchased people from every nation and made them one Kingdom.
- His blood answers every accusation brought against the repentant believer.
- His blood gives the saints victory, even when they remain faithful unto death.
- The Lamb who shed His blood as Savior will return as victorious King.

Revelation 5:12 - "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

The message of Revelation is that the Lamb wins. The blood will never lose its power. The accuser will be cast down. The redeemed will overcome. The saints will stand before the throne. And throughout eternity, our victory will belong to Jesus Christ - the Lamb who loved us, shed His blood for us, washed us from our sins, and redeemed us unto God.

9. Our Proper Response to the Blood

We Must Repent

Acts 2:38 - "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."

Atonement should produce brokenness, not arrogance. We cannot celebrate the blood while refusing to turn away from the sins for which Jesus died.

We Must Examine Ourselves

2 Corinthians 13:5 - "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith."

- Is there unconfessed sin in my life?
- Have I injured someone and refused to make it right?
- Am I carrying bitterness, pride, jealousy, rebellion, or unforgiveness?
- Am I walking in the light?
- Does my life demonstrate that I belong to Jesus?

We Must Forgive Others

Ephesians 4:32 - "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

We cannot rejoice in the cancellation of our own debt while refusing to release others from theirs.

We Must Walk in Holiness

The blood that forgives us also sanctifies us. Hebrews 10:26 warns against continuing willfully in sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth. We must never use the sacrifice of Jesus as an excuse for deliberate disobedience. The proper response to grace is a transformed life.

We Must Draw Near to God

Hebrews 10:22 - "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith."

The veil has been torn. The way has been opened. The invitation has been given. We should not remain distant from the God who paid such a tremendous price to bring us near.

Conclusion: Christ Is Our Atonement

Tonight, we remember that our salvation was not inexpensive. It cost the precious blood of Jesus.

- His blood redeemed us.
- His blood forgave us.
- His blood justified us.
- His blood reconciled us.
- His blood cleansed us.
- His blood sanctified us.
- His blood established the New Covenant.
- His blood opened the way into God's presence.
- His blood gives us victory over the accuser.

The Old Testament high priest entered the most holy place once each year, but our eternal High Priest entered once and obtained eternal redemption for us. The blood of animals could only point forward. The blood of Jesus completed the work.

Jesus is the Lamb who was slain. Jesus is the High Priest who lives forever. Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant. Jesus is our mercy seat. Jesus is our atonement.

Romans 5:11 - "We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

Closing Appeal

On this solemn night, let every heart become quiet before God.

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- If there is sin, confess it.
 - If there is bitterness, release it.
 - If there is pride, humble yourself.
 - If there is division, seek reconciliation.
 - If you have wandered, return to God.
 - If your conscience is troubled, trust the cleansing power of the blood.

Do not merely admire the sacrifice. Receive what Jesus accomplished through repentance, faith, obedience, and a life surrendered to Him.

The blood has been shed. The price has been paid. The veil has been torn. The way has been opened.

The invitation is still being extended: Come boldly to the throne of grace. Come through the blood of Jesus. Come and receive mercy. Come and be cleansed. Come and be reconciled to God.

Jesus Christ is our perfect, complete, and eternal atonement.

Closing Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank You for the precious blood of the Lamb. We acknowledge that we could not save ourselves, cleanse ourselves, or reconcile ourselves to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to become our sacrifice, our High Priest, and our atonement.

Search us and reveal everything within us that is displeasing to You. Give us hearts of genuine repentance. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Remove bitterness, pride, rebellion, unforgiveness, and every hidden sin.

Help us never to treat the blood as a common thing. Teach us to honor the sacrifice of Jesus through holy, obedient, and surrendered lives. Thank You that His blood redeems, forgives, justifies, reconciles, cleanses, sanctifies, and gives us access to Your presence.

Let the blood of Jesus speak over every repentant heart tonight. Restore those who have fallen, heal wounded consciences, break the power of condemnation, and draw Your people closer to You.

We declare that Jesus Christ is our Lamb, our High Priest, our Mediator, and our eternal atonement.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND LOVE

Beloved,

As you reflect upon the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, remember that His blood has already spoken on your behalf. You are loved, redeemed, forgiven, and called according to God's purpose.

Never allow the weight of yesterday to make you forget the power of the blood. Your failures do not have the final word. Your pain does not have the final word. The accuser does not have the final word. Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slain and rose again, has the final word over your life.

Walk forward in faith. Draw near to God with a sincere heart. Release bitterness, extend forgiveness, and trust the One who purchased you with His precious blood. May this teaching strengthen your faith, renew your hope, and remind you that you are never beyond the reach of God's mercy.

You are loved, you are covered by grace, and you are not alone. Keep your eyes upon Jesus Christ - our High Priest, our Redeemer, and our eternal Atonement.

With love, prayer, and encouragement,

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