



GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Evening Sermon by Ray Reynolds (8-21-16)

Text: Leviticus 16

Introduction: A few weeks ago, while digging deep into the book of Leviticus, we began to look at the Day of Atonement. The word “atonement” is found around 100x in the Bible and the word “atone” is found 90x. The word “atonement” is about AT-ONE-MENT with God. The word can be translated as reconciliation, redemption, appeasement, pacify, ransom, etc. What can we learn about the atonement of God? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. The Particulars About the Day of Atonement

- A. Preparation for the priest (**Leviticus 16:1-6**).
- B. Preparation for the tabernacle (**Leviticus 16:7-19**).
- C. Preparation for the people (**Leviticus 16:20-34**).
- D. Preparation for the future (**Leviticus 23:26-32, Numbers 29:7-11**).

II. The Purpose of the Day of Atonement

- A. The sacrifice was perfect (**Exodus 12:5, Leviticus 16:20-34, John 1:29**).
- B. The blood was shed (**Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 8:6, 9:19-22**).
- C. The date was established (**Leviticus 1:3-4, 4:13-20, 5:5-10, 16:1-34**).
- D. The feast was temporary (**Psalm 130:4, Isaiah 6:7, 27:9, 53:3-12, Daniel 9:9, 24, Romans 3:23-25**).

III. The Premise of Jesus Christ’s Atonement

- A. The blood of Jesus atones (**Luke 4:18-19, I Peter 1:18-19, 2:21-24**).
- B. The sacrifice of Jesus appeases (**John 3:16, 10:17, 15:13, I Peter 3:18**).
- C. The death of Jesus saves (**Acts 20:28, Romans 6, Colossians 1:13, Ephesians 2:13**).
- D. The body of Jesus substitutes (**Isaiah 53:4-9, Romans 3:25, Ephesians 1:7, I Corinthians 5:7, 15:3, Hebrews 9:22-28, I John 2:2, 4:10**).

IV. The Position of Christian Atonement

- A. Atonement keeps us liberated (**Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 3:23, 6:23, Colossians 2:15, Hebrews 2:14, Revelation 1:5**).
- B. Atonement keeps us redeemed (**Acts 20:28, Romans 3:24-25, 5:9-10, I Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 4:30, I Peter 1:18**).
- C. Atonement keeps us purified (**Romans 6:1-10, I Corinthians 7:23, Ephesians 1:7, Titus 2:14, I John 1:7-10**).
- D. Atonement keeps us reconciled (**Ephesians 2:14-17, Philippians 4:7, Colossians 1:20, Hebrews 10:5-18, I Peter 3:18**).

Conclusion: John the Baptizer said concerning Jesus, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!” (**John 1:29**). The writer of Hebrews developed images from the Day of Atonement to stress the superiority of Christ's priesthood and work after the cross (**Hebrews 8:6, Hebrews 9:7-26, Hebrews 13:11-12**). Paul alluded to the ritualistic sacrifice of Christ as a sin offering (**II Corinthians 5:21**). Jeremiah tried to point the people of God toward the atoning work of the Messiah (**Jeremiah 31:34**). Only Jesus could wipe away the requirements of the old law (**Colossians 2:14-15**) and offer the greatest sacrifice (**Hebrews 7:27**). Do you seek atonement? Be covered by the blood of Jesus. Repent of your sins. Confess your faith.