

# Atonement

## vocabulary of salvation

Every field has its own vocabulary: medicine, sports, law and salvation.

Understanding the Vocabulary of Salvation will deepen:

- Our faith
- Our gratitude
- Our worship
- Our understanding and enable us to explain the Gospel

### A. Atonement (Atone)

The English dictionaries define this as "making amends; compensation for something bad or wrong" The Hebrew word "KAPHAR" means to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. It carries the idea of \_\_\_\_\_

Atonement: At-one-ment: bringing God and people back at one

**PRINCIPLE:** Sin does not go away. It has to be dealt with

1. The word 'Atonement' is found 85x in the O.T. - the concept is found many times in the N.T.  
The first time Kaphar is used in the Bible is in Gen 6:14 when Noah 'covered' the ark with pitch
2. The Covering or appeasement for sin was blood

- Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of life that makes atonement.

### 3. The Day of ATONEMENT (Lev 16:1-22)

- The high priest would enter the Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies)
- Two goats were required (one was sacrificed and one was sent away—scapegoat)
  - blood from the sacrificed goat was sprinkled upon the mercy seat

#### This Taught:

Sin requires \_\_\_\_\_ (a debt had to be paid)

God \_\_\_\_\_ a way

Atonement was \_\_\_\_\_ (had to be repeated, could not remove the sins) - Heb 10:4, 11)



### The Atoning Sacrifice of Christ

Daniel's seventy weeks prophesies this (Dan 9:24)

- The blood of Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins (1 Jn 2:2)
- The blood of Christ brought us \_\_\_\_\_ to God (Eph 2:13)
- Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Place with His blood (Heb 9:11-14)

Questions:

1. How can the one sacrifice of Christ be better than the yearly sacrifices on the day of Atonement (see Heb 10:12-14)?
2. If Christ's one sacrifice (Heb 9:28; 10:12) covered sins for all time, is a person forgiven even before they sin?
3. If 'atonement' is not just about canceling debt, but restoring relationship, how is a broken relationship 'fixed'?
4. To be 'appeased' means what?
  - How does that fit in this discussion about sin, God, guilt and salvation?

### **Because I have been atoned by the blood of Christ:**

- we need to stop trying to \_\_\_\_\_ God's love, \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation, or be good enough to make the \_\_\_\_\_
  - we need to live with gratitude and appreciation, rather than \_\_\_\_\_
  - we ought to love \_\_\_\_\_; forgive \_\_\_\_\_; serve \_\_\_\_\_
  - we need to \_\_\_\_\_ what God has done to make our salvation possible

