

Atonement

vocabulary of salvation

Every field has it's 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 r_____

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 prophecies 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

