



Section 4 : Concerning Salvation/Atonement

Question 1: Why was the death of The Lord Jesus Christ necessary?

Answer 1: The death of The Lord Jesus Christ was necessary to atone for man's sin.

Memory Verse: **2 Corinthians 5:21**

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Support Verses: **Romans 5:8-11**

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Leviticus 1:3-4

3 If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

4 And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

Discussion Points:

1. Defining atonement:

- The atonement is an extremely important doctrine to grasp relating to our eternal salvation.
- "Atonement" is defined by Webster's 1828 as, "Agreement; concord; reconciliation, after enmity or controversy. In theology, the expiation of sin made by the obedience and personal sufferings of Christ."
- "Atonement" is the word that is used to describe the expiatory work of The Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of man's sin, and resulting in the offer of eternal life.
- As such, it is a term that includes a number of doctrines that we will examine such as justification, sanctification, redemption, reconciliation, etc.

2. Why is the atonement necessary?

- Because man must be reconciled to God.
- Because of his sin, man is separated, or estranged from God.



- Actually he is under condemnation, and the wrath of God would be the just recompense for his sin.
- Therefore man is incapable of meeting the terms of reconciliation.
- He must have an acceptable or expiatory (satisfactory act by which forgiveness is procured) act to satisfy the demands of a righteous God.
- And according to the Bible, the shedding of blood is absolutely necessary for forgiveness of sins.
- Consider Hebrews 9:22 and the word purge in this context.
- It means "to make clean."
- The problem lies in the fact that it could not be just any blood that was used for the atonement.
- It must be the blood deemed acceptable by God.
- He is the one who has been violated, His holy law being broken.
- And therefore,, he establishes the terms of reconciliation.
- In the old covenant it was acceptable to bring an unblemished male of the herd.
- Under the terms of the new covenant, however, the demands were much more specific.
- It must be the blood of the only expiatory sacrifice that would be received... the Lord Jesus Christ, "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."
- Consider Hebrews 9:11-28 as it testifies to the willingness of the testator to confirm the covenant by His blood, and on behalf of those the look to Him for salvation.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "What A Wonderful Savior!" (Hymn #256 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Why Do I Sing About Jesus?" (Hymn #249 - Rejoice Hymns)