

The Christian Pilgrimage – Pictures of Salvation and Heaven.

This week – We continue our lessons teaching us about how to live now, anticipating Heaven.

*“How much more shall the blood of Christ, ...
purge (cleanse) your conscience from dead
works to serve the living God?”* *Hebrews 9v14.*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

| Day | Bible Reading | Tick When Read |
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| Sunday | Exodus 40v1-16 (Moses sets up the Tabernacle) | |
| Monday | Exodus 40v17-38 (The glory of the Lord fills it) | |
| Tuesday | Leviticus 16v1-10, 20-22,29-34 (Christ our scape goat) | |
| Wednesday | Hebrews 9v1-14 (Christ – The perfect sacrifice) | |
| Thursday | Hebrews 9v15-28 (Christ died once to save sinners) | |
| Friday | 1 Peter 1v13-25 (Redeemed by the Precious Blood of Christ) | |
| Saturday | 2 Corinthians 5 v1-21 (Christ Reconciles us to God) | |

Important Question for us Today: What does **Biblical Atonement** mean? **Atonement** means **Reconciliation**; the act of bringing two opposing parties together, making them **At One**. Our sin has separated us from God - it is our guilt of sin that must be removed for us to be reconciled (**At One**) with God. God’s Holy Justice requires that our sin must be eternally punished. **We cannot make reconciliation with God ourselves. Yet God is so merciful and gracious that He has taken the initiative to reconcile us to Himself by devising a wonderful plan in eternity past.** He would send His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to come as a Perfect Man, (keeping all the Law of God), to die on Calvary’s Cross. By dying, (*the wages of sin is death, Rom 3 v23*), Jesus Christ, as a substitute, took the guilt of His Peoples’ sin upon Himself on the cross, suffering the eternal punishment which the sinner deserves. In order for us to be reconciled to God, we must come in repentance of our sin and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. We must also recognise that His death was an act of **Atonement** - removing that which separates us from God. Christ takes away all our sins’ guilt and gives us His righteousness which is what God sees instead of our guilt. (**Galatians 3v6**)

Hymn 264 reminds us of the tremendous cost paid by Christ to save us from the guilt of our sin.

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| <p>1. There is a green hill far away, Outside a city wall, Where our dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.</p> <p>3. He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good, That we might go at last to Heaven, Saved by His precious blood.</p> | <p>4. There was no other good enough, To pay the price of sin; He only could unlock the gate Of Heaven, and let us in.</p> <p>5. O, dearly, dearly has He loved! And we must love Him too, And trust in His redeeming blood, And try His works to do.</p> |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Day of Atonement.

- **The Tabernacle, with its’ Sacrifices—A ‘Map’ of the Way To Heaven.**
 - 1400 years before Christ came to earth, God gave Moses exact instructions for every part of The Tabernacle’s construction, and what they represented.
- **Seven Pictures of How God would bring Salvation to Lost Sinners.**
 - **1. A Meeting Place – A Large Portable Tent, A Church in the Desert.**
 - God wanted to meet with the people, accept their worship, and hear their prayers.
 - Showing us that God is not far away from us and wants to have fellowship with us.
 - **2. Two areas within the Tabernacle - The Holy Place and The Holy of Holies.**
 - No ordinary person could enter either of these Holy Places - but on ‘pain of death’.
 - Teaching that no sin, or unforgiven sinner, can ever live in God’s Holy presence.
 - **3. The Curtain (Veil) – Separating The Holy Place and The Holy of Holies.**
 - A constant reminder that their sin had placed a barrier between them and God.
 - This Veil was torn from top to bottom in Solomon’s Temple (Tabernacle) when Christ died on Calvary because He had now made a way into God’s Holy presence.
 - **4. The High Priest and The Holy of Holies.**
 - Only once a Year on **The Day of Atonement** could The High Priest enter here with the blood of sacrificed animals - for his own sin, and for that of the people.
 - Teaching that one-day God would send a great Mediator – a ‘Go Between’ to represent sinners before God. This would be The Lord Jesus Christ, The Saviour.
 - **5. The Sacrifices – A Picture of Christ, The Lamb of God Dying on Calvary.**
 - The High Priest had to sacrifice animals, showing the people the awfulness of sin.
 - Animal sacrifices could save no one - the people had to look forward to Christ.
 - God will only accept us if we believe in, and plead, Christ’s shed blood for our sin.
 - **6. A Scapegoat – One who Takes the Blame, or Punishment for Another.**
 - Symbolically, The High Priest laid his hands upon the head of a goat confessing the sins of the people. The goat was led out into the wilderness and never seen again.
 - The Lord Jesus Christ takes the blame for our sin on Calvary for all eternity.
 - **7. A Place of Burning – Outside The Camp.**
 - The bodies of the animal sacrifices were to be taken 4 miles away and burnt.
 - Teaching that all who do not accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour must suffer an eternity of punishment for their sin, far away from God’s Heaven.
- **It is Vital that we believe in God’s meaning of each of the above.**
 - Each of these was a Type of Christ. A picture pointing to the Saviour on the cross.
 - People study a map to find where a certain place is situated and how to get there.
 - If we follow God’s ‘map’ and go to Jesus Christ seeking pardon for our sins and for a new life, we shall be forgiven and saved. **There is only one way of Salvation.**

The Apostle Peter wrote, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold ... But with the precious blood of Christ”

1 Peter 1vs18-19.