

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

10.16.2022

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Obedience on the Day of Atonement

## Leviticus 16: 11 – 19

Man's choice to sin, in the very beginning of time, made all of humanity guilty before a sovereign God, guilty without hope. God, through his Son, Christ, then made a way of atonement for man's sinfulness. Christ, a sinless lamb, took upon himself the sins of the world, so that all humanity might be reconciled to God. When we accept the atonement provided by Christ, then do we acknowledge our sinfulness, and receive the blessing of his sacrificial death. This removes the barrier, or the veil between the believer and God, and provides a God given satisfaction of acceptance, which comes through reconciliation.

**2 Corinthians 3: 14 – 16**,....their minds were blinded, for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away....which veil is done away in Christ....but even unto this day....the veil is upon their heart....

**Romans 5: 19**,....for as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous....

Atonement means that a price was paid for sin, which in turn brings a sinful man together with a Holy God, being reconciled unto him. As believers, we understand that Christ made the atonement for our sin by paying the price of his own life, in which God the Father accepted for us on our behalf.

Because of disobedience, all were made sinners, being born into sin. Christ, who was characterized by his obedience, through his death on the cross, provided the assurance that many would we made righteous, through faith believing, by Gods abundant grace.

Humanity is accredited with sin from our association with Adam, and it is that sin nature that has been passed down from generation to generation, therefore, all are born into sin. We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners. For this reason, the law was given so that sinners would know that they were sinners. The law did not bring forgiveness of sin, but the law identifies the sin in our lives, and shows unto us our need for a savior. Therefore, through the word of God, we can recognize our sinfulness and turn to Christ as our savior for the atoning forgiveness of sin, and receive life everlasting.

**Leviticus 16: 11 – 14,....**Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself....he shall take....burning coals of fire....and his hands full of incense....and bring it within the vail....he shall put the incense upon the fire....that the cloud....may cover the mercy seat....he shall take of the blood....and sprinkle it with his fingers....before the mercy seat....seven times....

Wherein, through this grace dispensation period in which we live, wherein does the responsibility of seeking God for forgiveness of sin, lie. The responsibility lies within us. We know this because we understand that sin will always lead to death, therefore atonement for sin must be made, and the atonement required is shed blood. Forgiveness is the way that our relationship with God begins. Forgiveness should be simple and easy, but mankind makes putting it to work very challenging, but, forgiveness is essential to have a Christian life. Forgiveness is the foundation of the Christians faith; therefore, the word of God is all about forgiveness and Gods saving grace.

**Romans 5: 8 – 9,....**God commandeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us....much more being justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath, through him....

Through Christ, we have peace with the Father, which means that we are declared righteous through our faith in Christ. The atoning free gift of salvation is accepted by faith in Christ alone, and is backed up by a great truth, and that truth is, now being justified by his blood, we are saved from the wrath of God. Christ sacrificial death paid the price for our sin, and his eternal life breaks the power of sin and death in our life.

**1 John 2:1 – 2**,....little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not....and if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous....and he is the propitiation ( atonement ) for our sins....also for the sins of the whole world....

As Christians, it is Christ desire for us that we would strive to live our lives holy and acceptable unto God. Although sinless perfection is not achievable in our fallen state, the word of God teaches us that we have a free will choice, we can choose to sin, or we can choose to resist the temptation to sin. Even though our union with God as believers will never end, our communion with God is broken when we sin. Christ, who is our representative, because he identified with our sin through the crucifixion, and then he broke the power of sin over us by his resurrection, therefore, Christ is the only person who can speak to the Father on our behalf. We, through faith believing, have an advocate with the Father, this advocate being Christ, who's atoning blood secures our relationship with God, removing the wall of separation which sin created.

**Leviticus 16: 15 – 17**,....then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people....and bring his blood within the vail....and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat....and he shall make an atonement....because of their transgressions in all their sins....so shall he do for the....congregation....and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation....

The only one that can enter into the presence of God and make intercession for us, is the one who is designated by God.

**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....

The message of the cross is written in the shed blood of Christ. Christs sacrificial death on the cross is the greatest demonstration of God's love for mankind. By the grace of God, humanity is offered peace through the free gift of his only begotten Son, so that the atoning blood of Christ, which was shed on the cross, would pay the debt for our sin. Christ took our punishment, which we deserved, so that we might be accredited with his perfect righteousness.

**John 3: 16**,....for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life....

Christ was sent into the world as an expression of the indescribable love that God has for all of humanity. It was Gods intention to make a way for man's death sentence to be reversed, and this could only come through a perfect, sinless man that was willing to pay the price for man's sin. Gods sacrificial love for humanity should never be underestimated, because the entirety of humanity was condemned to eternal judgement because of sin. God loves sinners but he cannot look upon sin, so he provided a sin substitute, a perfect, sinless man, who would pay the price of sin, so that whosoever would believe upon him would not perish but have everlasting life.

**Leviticus 16: 18 – 19,....**he shall go out unto the alter that is before the Lord, and make an atonement for it....he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it....and hallow it from the uncleanness....

Atonement is the needed reconciliation between humanity, who is sinful, and God, who is holy and divine. This reconciliation is only possible through the atoning sacrifice of Christ. Receiving the atonement of Christ is our justification with God the Father.

**Ephesians 2: 4 – 6,....**but God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace are ye saved....and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus....

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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