



#### FEBRUARY 16, 2020

#### Understanding Atonement

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There are many words which describe our salvation. Each one emphasizes a particular aspect of that salvation. We talk about forgiveness, regeneration, justification, redemption and sanctification. The word we least understand is the word atonement. We know about the Jewish Day of Atonement and believe in our atonement, but we have little understanding of the meaning of this word.

#### **Illustrations of Atonement**

Numbers chapter sixteen tells of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. This resulted in the death of these men and about 250 others who followed them. The next day, the Jews slandered Moses and accused him of killing the people of God. God was so angry. His wrath was manifested in a plague which killed nearly 15,000 Jews.

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10am

Meeting Times

9:30am

10:30am

6:00pm

Sunday

Bible Class

Worship

Worship

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at

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What stopped the plague? What appeased His wrath? Aaron took a censer and stood between the Jews and the advancing plague. This action is described as making atonement for the nation (16:46-47). Wrath was appeased, and this is described as atonement.

In Numbers 25, the Jews were committing fornication with the Midianite women. God's anger again sent a plague and killed 24,000 Jews. What stopped the plague? Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, took a javelin and thrust it through the bodies of a Jewish man and a Midianite women who publically were fornicating. God said, "Phinehas...has turned back my wrath from the children of Israel because He was zealous with My zeal among them...because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel" (25:11-13). If you want to understand atonement, read this story and the previous one to see what atonement means.

## **Atonement Always Connected with God's Anger**

Atonement always involves sin which results in God's wrath against sin and actions being done to assuage His wrath. If there is no atonement, His wrath will surely come.

### Sins Not "Rolled Forward" in the Old Testament

The concept that sins were "rolled forward" (think of a giant snowball getting larger every year) on the Day of Atonement does not portray what actually happened. Every year on that day God remembered the sins of Israel, and if atonement was not made His wrath was sent. Nations came against Israel when atonement was not made. When it was made, His anger was appeased, and God blessed that nation. God remembered their sins every year.

Because of Christ's sacrifice atonement is ours. He does not remember our sins. "Their sins will I remember no more" (Jer. 31:34). Thank God for our atonement!

# Order of Service

| Opening Remarks<br>Song Leader | Holton George<br>Don Petrosky, Jr.  |
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| Song                           |                                     |
| Song                           |                                     |
| Prayer                         | Clay Bond                           |
| Song                           |                                     |
| Communion                      | Don Petrosky, Sr.<br>Dylan Petrosky |
| Song                           | Dymittedosky                        |
| Song                           |                                     |
| Sermon                         | Clay Bond                           |
| Song                           |                                     |
| Offering                       |                                     |
| Closing Remarks<br>Song        | Holton George                       |
| Dismissal Prayer               | Russell Haydon                      |
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### **Upcoming Events**

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

- Please check the sign-up sheet for Wednesday evening devotionals.
- February 28 March 1st Southwest Church of Christ will host the Arise Workshop. Additional information is on the bulletin board.

|  | Prayer List  |
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| Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> Dylan<br>Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> Ray | Gaye Kyle, Casey Jo Engle, Reta George, Nan<br>Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder (cancer), Wendell<br>Harrison, Sharon Petrosky, Tom & Marilyn Barr<br>Remember our college students who are away at<br>school: Jarrett & Luke<br>Haydoqkwjio3ewi9433490342903n<br>Shut-Ins: Robbi George, Melvin & Shirley Wright |
| Attendance: Sunday AM: 33 PM: 27                       | Wednesday: 34 Contribution: \$5566.29  |