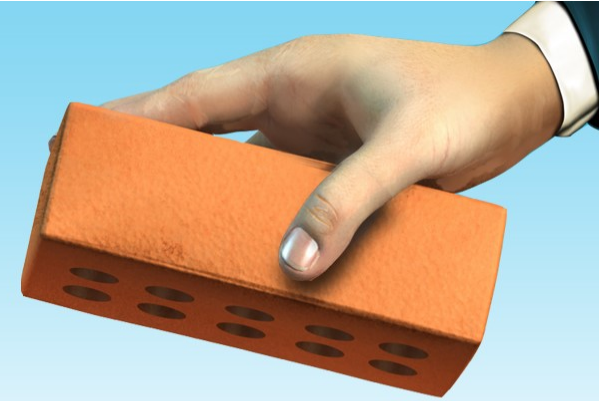




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Foundational Truth #9
*Sacrifice, Atonement
and the Cross*
Various Texts

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A. The First Sacrifice

Genesis 3:21

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Genesis 3:21 (ESV)

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Noah offered sacrifices: **Genesis 8:20-22**

Abraham offered sacrifices: **Genesis 15**

A ram took Isaac's place: **Genesis 22**

Jacob offered sacrifices: **Genesis 46**

Mosaic Law commanded sacrifices: **Exodus 29:38-42, Numbers 28-29, Leviticus 16-17, 23**

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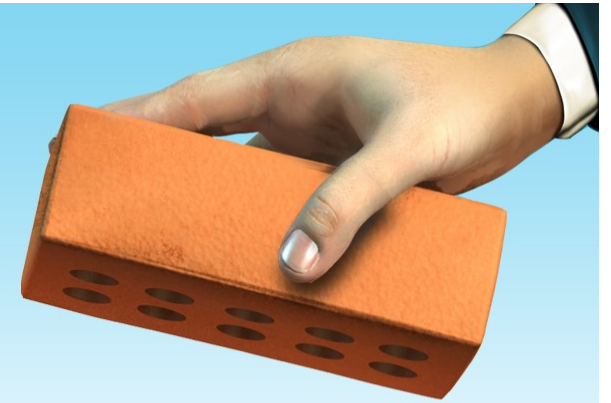


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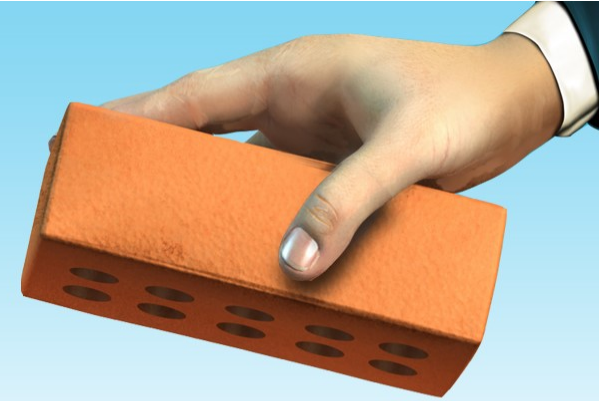


C. What is Atonement?

Leviticus 16-17, 23, Hebrews

The Hebrew word for atonement is “*kippur*” or “*kafar*” – “to cover, purge, redeem or make reconciliation.”

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C. What is Atonement?

There were *legal* and *relational* aspects to this.

Legal - Sin brings guilt and death.

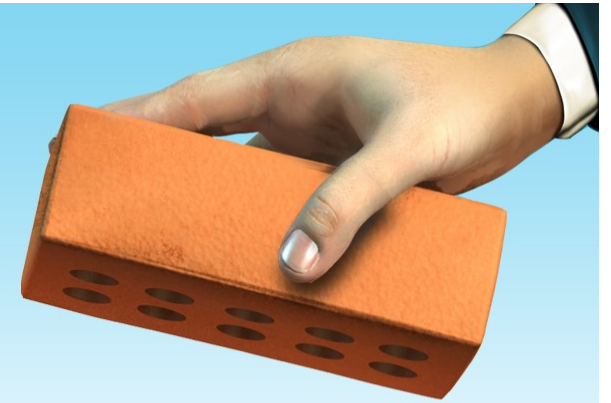
Relational - Sin disrupts relationships.



Mercy Seat



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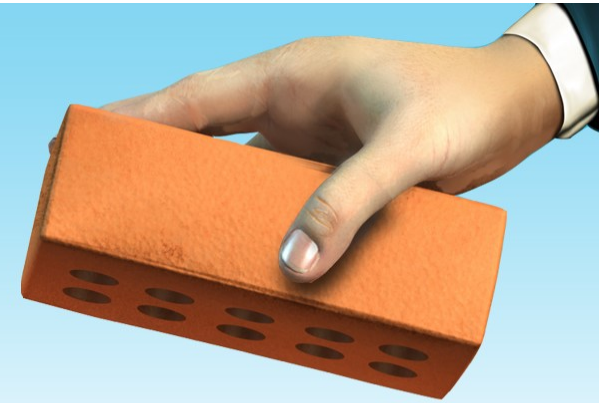
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Leviticus 17:11

the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

When blood was shed, life died!

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D. The Cross of Christ

Old Testament prophecies of Jesus death: Psalm 22, Isaiah 53 and more.





Romans 5:8-11 (ESV)

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but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hebrews 9:24-28 (ESV)

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For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer Himself repeatedly, as the High Priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of **Himself**.

Hebrews 10:11-18 (ESV)

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And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 10:11-18 (ESV)

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And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then He adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

In Christ we are:

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Redeemed - bought back from sin, by God and for God: 1 Cor. 6:20, 7:23, Gal. 3:13, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Rev. 5:9.

Reconciled - restored to proper relationship with God: Rom. 5:7-10, 2 Cor. 5:19, Eph. 2:14-16, Col. 1:20-22.

Justified - declared righteous (not guilty) by God: Rom. 5:1.

Forgiven - all our sins are washed away: Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:13-14, Heb. 10.

A New Creation - adopted into God's family: 2 Cor. 5:17.

Saved from God's Wrath - Rom. 5:9, 1 Thes. 1:9-10, 5:9.

In Christ we now have:

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Peace with God - once at war, we are now at peace:
Rom. 5:1, Eph. 2:14

The Righteousness of Christ - He has given us His
righteousness like a white robe: 2 Cor. 5:21.

Eternal Security - we cannot lose the salvation God
has given to us: John 10:28-29, Eph. 1:13-14, Heb.
7:25, 1 John 5:13.