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Assembly Times

Sundays

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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- Know Your Bible: Answers
1. Plowing (1 Kings 19:19)

2. Gideon (Judges 6:11)

3. Boaz (Ruth 1:22–2:3)

4. Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 9:9–10)

5. Solomon (Ecclesiastes 2:4–5)

This Week's Assignments & Events			
Sunday Worship		Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter:	Corwin Richardson	March 8	3PM Devotionals
Announcements:	Josh Emerson		
Encouragement Talk:	John Van Baale	March 15	Nothing
Opening Prayer:	Billy Lovell		
Scripture Reading:	Kyle Crain	March 22	3PM Outdoor Work Day
	Luke 20:1–12		
Song Leader:	Kevin Buckner	March 29	Nothing
Table Talk:	Sandon Spyker		
Contribution:	Aaron Heald		
Helper:	Jordan Thomas		
Fruit of Vine:	Leighton Daniels		
Helper:	Paul Hainline		
Helper:	Verlin Wilson		
Closing Prayer:	John Franks		
Wednesday Evening			
Song Leader:	Truett Blazek		
Speaker:	Tyler Blazek		



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Blood Of Atonement

There are many themes and figures found in the Old Covenant which foreshadowed a concept more readily or better seen in the New Covenant. None are easier seen than that of the blood of atonement.

A few definitions are in order for our understanding. Atonement in the Hebrew (kaphar) means “to cover, cancel”. In the Greek (katallage) it means to “exchange, reconciliation”. Thus atonement is “the covering over of sin, the reconciliation between God and man” (New Unger’s Bible Dictionary, p.123). Atonement is connected to blood in both the Old and New Covenants.

Yearly Atonement

God commanded the day of atonement be on the 10th day of the 7th month of every year (Lev. 16:29-34). On this day the High Priest made atonement for the sanctuary, the tent of meeting, the altar, the priests and all the people. The requirement was for the High Priest to “offer the bull of the sin offering which is for himself and make atonement for himself and for his household...” and “slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people” (Lev. 16:11-15).

With the bull and the goat, the High Priest was required to sprinkle the blood on the mercy seat seven times because of the impurities of the people. This same sprinkling was performed on the tent of meeting (Lev. 16:16), and the altar was smeared with blood and sprinkled (Lev. 16:18). No one could have forgotten that atonement was connected to blood and sacrifice.

First Covenant Began With Blood

Moses “took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people saying THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU. And in the same way

he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Heb. 9:19-22). Throughout the history of the Israelites, the people were constantly reminded that atonement was only possible through the shedding of blood.

Our Atonement

The sacrifice of animals could not take away sins (Heb. 10:4). There was a continual reminder of sin as the Israelites had to offer sacrifices “*year by year*” (Heb. 10:3).

We also enjoy the atonement of our sin, but it required a blood sacrifice. Just as the animals of sacrifice under the Old Law had to be perfect and without blemish, so Jesus was the perfect sacrifice being “*without blemish*” (Heb. 9:14) who “*knew no sin*” (2 Cor. 5:21).

The sacrifice of Jesus was different than that of animals. “*By this will* (of God) *we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*” (Heb. 10:10). His sacrifice was sufficient, having to never be offered again. It was a sacrifice for all men, both living before Christ and after. “*For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified*” (Heb. 10:14).

The blood of animals was offered as atonement for the sins of Israel. Their blood covered over their sin and served as the reconciliation between God and man. The blood of Jesus is our atoning sacrifice. “*By His wounds you were healed*” (1 Pet. 2:24). Our redemption is “*through His blood*” (Eph. 1:7). Christ reconciled “*all things unto Himself, having made peace through the blood of the cross*” (Col. 1:20). “*We have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus*” (Heb. 10:19).

Conclusion

Just as the Israelites could not forget the blood required for their atonement, so the Lord’s Supper constantly reminds us of the atoning blood of Christ.

by Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

Farming

1. What was the farmer Elisha doing when Elijah threw his mantle upon him?
2. What judge was a wheat farmer?
3. What barley farmer married a Moabite woman and became an ancestor of David?
4. For what cripple did David order Ziba to farm the land?
5. What king, famous for his building projects, also planted vineyards, gardens, and orchards?

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Revive Us Again

By Tim Jennings

Do you ever feel spiritually flat? Like the wind has gone out of your sails? Your enthusiasm is fading. Your service has declined. You don’t like it, but you find yourself adrift in the doldrums of spiritual stagnation. Take heart! Many of God’s best children have navigated those stale waters to find vitality on the other side of decay. You can too.

To refuel your spiritual fire you need revival. You need to know the passion of the psalmist’s plea, “*Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?*” (Psalm 85:6). In the Bible revival is what happened when God’s people recognized their spiritual apathy, and awakened their souls afresh to the things of God. How do you do that?

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God provided a map that charts the way out of the spiritual doldrums. The irony is God presented this map when His people were in a state of spiritual ecstasy. They had just built the temple and experienced the most intense period of worship imaginable. Yet, God knew that life is not often lived on the mountain tops, so He provided His people with a road map to revival. Here it is.

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

We are prone to let our love for God grow cold. So, when it does stir these four coals of revival.

Humble Yourself. Go into spiritual bankruptcy (Matt 5:5). See God in His rightful place and confess His total authority. Look at your own weakness and sin and confess your bareness apart from His gracious work.

Pray. Stir your heart to this spiritual discipline. Lift your prayers up to heaven with words of praise. Bring your prayers down to the dust with words of honest confession. Take your prayers forward to the future with words that affirm God’s purposes.

Seek God’s Face. There is no revival apart from the word of life. Earnestly return to God’s Word, and relentlessly pursue His wisdom (Prov. 2:1-5; Jer. 29:13).

Turn From Your Ways. Make a new commitment to holiness. Repudiate the wrong for the right. Reject the better for the best.

God promises He will “hear” and “heal.” Sounds great doesn’t it? Let’s do it.