



God's unfolding revelation of His Covenant with mankind.

Psalm 105:8 *He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, ...*

The Atonement

1. Blood sacrifice was the way God chose to covenant with us and show His faithfulness throughout the ages. Beginning in Genesis, the life blood of the innocent was used to atone (take away the sins of) the guilty.
 - Genesis 3:21 *...for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*
2. Throughout the Old Testament, God required animal sacrifices to provide a temporary covering of sin and a shadow of the perfect and final sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
 - Leviticus 17:11 *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.*
 - Hebrews 9:22 *...and without shedding of blood there is no remission (of sin).*
 - John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) and the Scape Goat

1. Leviticus 16 gives a detailed account of the sacrifices offered during the Day of

Atonement: a young bull and two goats.

2. The bull and one of the goats were used as a sin offering for the High Priest and for Israel. The live goat became the Scape Goat. The High Priest would confess all the wickedness, rebellion and sins of Israel and put them (intensely) on the goat's head. The Scape Goat (Azazel) was then sent into the wilderness with a "strong man" appointed for the task.
 - One goat dealt with the penalty of sin (death) and the other the conscience and removal of sin. (Psalm 103:12; Hebrews 9:6-9)

The Covenant of Blood With Abraham

Exodus 2:24 *...and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.*

1. God called Abram (Abraham) out of his country, brought him to a new land and gave him Divine promises.
 - Genesis 12:1-9
2. God covenants with Abram by creating a "Blood Path." Knowing that Abram (all of us) would not be able to keep the Covenant, He alone walked through the blood as He declared His promises. And, because He could find no one greater, He swore by Himself! This was God's Covenant with man!
 - Genesis 15
 - Hebrews 6:13
3. God established circumcision as the sign of the Covenant and changed their names.
 - Genesis 17
4. Abraham was asked to confirm the Covenant and sacrifice his only son of promise, a type of Christ, God's Only Son. God did, however, provide a ram for Himself in Isaac's place.
 - Genesis 22:1-19
5. The blessings and curses of the Covenant.
 - Blessings Deuteronomy 28:1-14
 - Curses Deuteronomy 28:15-68
6. Since God's Covenant with Abraham is eternal, believers are "children of Abraham" and a part of this covenant through faith.
 - Galatians 3:7

CHRIST OUR SACRIFICE

1 John 2:2 *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.* (Romans 3:21-26)

1. **SUBSTITUTION** - The impossible chasm which separated man from God was bridged through the vicarious or substitutionary death of Christ on the cross. Jesus died **for** the sins of others!
 - Isaiah 53:6 *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
2. **ATONEMENT** - This means to **cover and to take out of the way**. Our sins have been taken out of the way, to be remembered no more!
 - Psalm 103:12 *As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.*
 - John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*
3. **PROPITIATION** - This means to **turn away** the wrath of God through sacrifice. God, Himself, provided the sacrifice to turn away His own wrath against our sin!
 - 1 John 2:2 *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*
 - 1 John 4:10 *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*
4. **RECONCILIATION** - To be **brought back** into a relationship with God!
 - Romans 5:9 *Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*
 - Colossians 1:19-22 *For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross... (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*
5. **REDEMPTION** - The releasing from slavery or death by **payment** of a price, called a ransom.
 - Galatians 3:13-14 *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus,... (1 Peter 1:18-19)*
 - Titus 2:11-14 *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men... the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own,...*
 - 1 Peter 1:18-19 *...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

