

Romans # 052

“Atonement and the blood of Christ”

Romans 3:25

Revelation 20:11-15

Leviticus 17:10-14

If love is based on integrity and integrity is based on understanding righteousness and justice, we will never understand love if we don't understand righteousness and justice.

If we have a shallow view of love, we have a shallow view of God.

The only way to solve it, is to return to something that gives stability to everything and that can only be the unchanging, all-powerful, eternal God of the Bible.

In the OT, the verb KAPHAR represented atonement.

KOPHER is a noun meaning redemption, KIPHUR is a noun meaning atonement.

KAPHORETH is the word for the place of atonement or the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies.

Once a year on the Day of Atonement (YOM KIPPUR), an animal sacrifice was made at the brazen altar outside

of the Temple in the court of the Temple.

Atonement is the means of reconciliation between God and man; the basis for divine propitiation and the portrayal of divine judgment for our sins.

The bearing of all sins by Jesus Christ is only possible because when man is born into the world and receives human life, he simultaneously receives

Adam's original sin as the basis for his condemnation.

So, atonement is the reconciliation between God and man, accomplished by the effective sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

God does not condemn all without providing a solution to that condemnation in the form of the offer of salvation.

Unlimited Atonement is the effective sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the entire human race and the sacrifice was His substitutionary spiritual death, not His physical death.

The barrier between God and man has been removed and the unbeliever is judged on the basis of his human good and evil because these were not judged at the cross.

Salvation is a potential for all, but a reality only for those who believe in Christ.

In human death, the soul leaves body, in animal death, the blood leaves the body.

The sacredness was in the biblical truths represented by that animal's blood.

Just as the altar is more important than the stomach, propitiation is more important than physical life and spiritual death.

The purpose of the sacrifice of

Jesus Christ on the cross was to satisfy the integrity of God and to provide a basis for God to provide blessing to man without compromising His essence.

The blood that came from the veins of our Lord had nothing to do with our salvation.

The animal hadn't done anything wrong and yet, he was judged and in his judgement, the animal died physically.

The bleeding of the animal to death, his judgement is analogous to the spiritual death of Jesus Christ; His judgement for us.

The analogy is between the physical death of an innocent animal and the spiritual death of the sinless humanity of Jesus Christ.

The justice of God administers what the righteousness of God demands and the justice of God cannot bless unless the recipient has a righteousness equivalent to God's righteousness, a monopoly of God.

With the imputation of divine righteousness and resultant justification, all other divine blessings, temporal and eternal, above and beyond ultimate sanct are potential.