

January 19, 2020

“Building Blocks for Life:
Adding to Your Spiritual Journey”

“Building Blocks:

Add ‘At One with God!’” Core 15

“But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

A. The Day of Atonement...

“The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present a food offering to the LORD. Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God.” Leviticus 23:27-28

1. The Day of Atonement is known as Yom Kippur and will be September 27-28, 2020.
2. It was known as the most solemn of the holy days where the high priest would perform elaborate rituals to atone for the sins of the people once a year.
3. The high priest was to bathe and put on special garments. He must sacrifice a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.
4. The high priest would then take two male goats and present them to the Lord. The one goat would be a sin offering and the second goat would be a scapegoat. The blood of the sacrificed goat would be spilled on the atonement cover in the Most Holy Place.
5. The bull and goat sacrificed would be carried outside the camp and burned.

“This is a permanent law for you, to purify the people of Israel from their sins, making them right with the LORD once each year.” Leviticus 16:34 (All of the above practices are found in Leviticus 16)

B. Our Day of Atonement...

“The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.” Hebrews 10:1

1. Jesus was the only fully adequate sacrifice!
“For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. That is why, when Christ came into the world, He said to God, ‘You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given Me a body to offer.’”
“For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.” Hebrews 10:4, 5, 10

2. The washing ceremonies were a symbol of the cleansing that needed to happen for each one of us, Jesus fulfilled that for us.
“Unlike those other high priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when He offered Himself as the sacrifice for the people’s sins.” Hebrews 7:27

3. Christ’s sacrifice was sufficient for the sins of all who would believe in Him.
“But our High Priest offered Himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then He sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand.” Hebrews 10:12

4. The two goats were no longer needed. The first goat that was sacrificed as a sin offering was fulfilled in Christ. The scapegoat was also fulfilled in Christ.
“For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy. And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For He says, ‘This is the new covenant I will make with My people on that day, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.’ Then He says, ‘I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.’ And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.” Hebrews 10:14-18

C. Turn your eyes on Jesus...

“For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy.” Hebrews 10:14

1. When Peter realized the reality of seeing Jesus as Lord, he realized his own sinfulness.
“When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, ‘Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.’” Luke 5:8

2. God has provided the sacrifice for each of us and His anger toward sin is satisfied through our trust in Christ for forgiveness.

“So I was angry with them, and I said, ‘Their hearts always turn away from Me. They refuse to do what I tell them.’” Hebrews 3:10
“Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living

God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still ‘today,’ so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.” Hebrews 3:12-14

3. Jesus died for us so we could be forgiven and live for Him.

“He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By His wounds you are healed. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.” 1 Peter 2:24-25

4. God offers this ‘at-one-ment’ freely by faith.
“For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for He was looking ahead and including them in what He would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate His righteousness, for He Himself is fair and just, and He makes sinners right in His sight when they believe in Jesus.” Romans 3:25-26

D. ‘At One with God’...

1. To be one with God... we must realize our sin.
“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Romans 3:23
2. We must understand the price of sin.
“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23
3. God loves us just like we are.
“But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8
4. We must confess our sin to Him.
“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9
5. When we call on Jesus, we are saved!
“For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.’” Romans 10:13
6. When we are ‘at one with God’ we are at peace!
“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” Romans 5:1

January 26: Core 16 – Building Blocks:
Add A New Covenant