

GOOD FRIDAY – THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

Friday April 10, 2020 A.D.

Hebrews 9:22

²² And according to the Law, . . . without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Leviticus 16:2-34

² The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, or he will die;

for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.

³ "Aaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. . . .

⁶ "Then Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household.

⁷ "He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

⁸ "Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats,

one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat.

⁹ "Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell, and make it a sin offering.

¹⁰ "But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat fell shall be presented alive before the LORD,

to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the scapegoat. . . .

¹² "He shall take a firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the LORD and two handfuls of finely ground sweet incense, and bring it inside the veil. ¹³ "He shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, otherwise he will die.

¹⁴ "Moreover, he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat . . . ¹⁵ "Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, . . .

¹⁶ "He shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel and because of their transgressions in regard to all their sins; . . .

²⁰ "When he finishes atoning for the holy place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat. ²¹ "Then **Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness**

²² "**The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land;** and he shall release the goat in the wilderness. . . .

²⁹ "**This shall be a permanent statute for you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls and not do any work, whether the native, or the alien who sojourns among you;**

³⁰ **for it is on this day that atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you will be clean from all your sins before the LORD.**

³¹ "**It is to be a sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may humble your souls; it is a permanent statute. . . .**

³⁴ "**Now you shall have this as a permanent statute, to make atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year.**" And just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so he did.

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴ Surely **our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried;** Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵ But **He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.**

⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But **the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.** ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That **He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?** ⁹ His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰ But **the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.**

¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it and* be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, **will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.** ¹² Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; **Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.**

Acts 20:28

²⁸ "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd **the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,** ⁴ **and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,** ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

Romans 5:6-10

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly.** ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

⁸ But **God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** ⁹ Much more then, **having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.**

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,** much more, having been reconciled, **we shall be saved by His life.**

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;**

²⁵ **whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.** *This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;* ²⁶ for the demonstration, *I say,* of His righteousness at the present time, so that **He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

Ephesians 1:7-8

⁷ **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace**⁸ which He lavished on us. . . .

Colossians 1:19-20

¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross;** through Him, *I* say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Hebrews 9:11-28

¹¹ **But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come,**

He entered through **the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;**

¹² and **not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood,**

He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,¹⁴ **how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

¹⁵ **For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant,** so that, **since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant,**

those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

¹⁶ For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.¹⁷ For a covenant is valid *only* when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

¹⁸ Therefore **even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.**¹⁹ For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he 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,²⁰ saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU."²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.²² And according to the Law, *one may* almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

²³ Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

²⁴ **For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;**

²⁵ **nor was it that He would offer Himself often,** as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with **blood that is not his own.**²⁶ Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world;

but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, ²⁸ **so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.**

1 Peter 1:13-21

¹³ Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, **fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.** ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance,

¹⁵ but **like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;**

¹⁶ because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." ¹⁷ If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*;

¹⁸ **knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,** ¹⁹ **but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.** ²⁰ For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 John 4:9-10

⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that

God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

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.