

GROUNDING

Sunday, February 13, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 5 | Grounded in the Cross

Leviticus 16, Zechariah 3, Romans 3:20-26

Some Key Terms...

Righteousness/Justice of God: God always acts in accordance with what is **right** and is **himself** the final standard of what is right. [think: **God's perfect "right-ness"**]

Atonement: A **reparation** (repair) for a wrong or injury to right a relationship. [think: **"at-one-ment"**]

Penal Substitutionary Atonement: An atonement that includes both a **penalty paid** and a **substitution** made

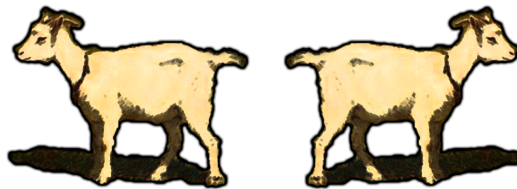
The Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16)

1. The Sin Offering

PROPITIATION

takes away **WRATH**

[think: **"pro-POW-tiation"** — takes the punch of God's wrath for sin]



2. The Scapegoat

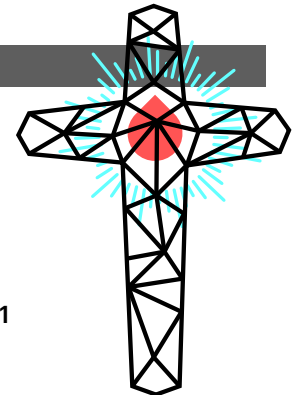
EXPIATION

takes away **SIN**

[think: **"exit"** — made clean as sin exits]

EFCA Statement of Faith | Article 5. The Work of Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.



*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. — 2 Corinthians 5:21*

Jesus **DIED** the death that *I alone* have **EARNED**

then **ROSE FROM THE GRAVE**

to give me the **LIFE** that *he alone* has **EARNED!**

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

Getting Started

Part of our goal together is getting to know more about one another.
Do you fold your pizza? Do you have any other weird—I mean “unique”—eating habits?

Review...

1. **Read Article 5 of our Statement of Faith aloud as a group.**
2. **Read Romans 3:20-26.**
3. We see both in Romans 3 and our Statement of Faith that Jesus is the only solution to our universal problem of sin. How do you think your friends and family who aren't yet interested in Jesus would respond to hearing that everyone has a sin problem and Jesus is the only cure for it?

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

Digging Deeper

4. The universal problem we all have is that we are sinners, and as a result, separated from God and dead spiritually. Spiritual death is not necessarily a feeling people have but a condition they are in. How do the following passages describe what it means for someone to be spiritually dead?

Ephesians 2:1-3 Titus 3:3 Colossians 3:5-7

5. Have there been any times in your life when the realization of your own sinfulness and God's forgiveness particularly caught your attention?

6. What does it look like to balance an awareness of and sadness for our sin with the joy of being a “new creation” in Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:17**) who is loved and forgiven?
7. Can you think of any potential pitfalls for someone who doesn't spend any time thinking about their sin and the impact it has had on their relationship with God?
8. Although God has dealt with the separation that our sins have caused in our relationship with him, the impact of those sins, and the sins done to us by others often continues to affect us. How could the following passages help us to continue to heal from the scars left by our sin?

James 5:16 Hebrews 4:14-16 Hebrews 10:23-25

9. The story of our life before we experienced God's love and forgiveness can either be Satan's greatest weapon to keep us living in guilt and shame, or God's most powerful tool for us to serve him. What do you think a person needs to do or experience before being willing to allow God to use their story as a tool?
10. In **Luke 7:36-50**, Jesus had a conversation with a woman who interrupted a dinner he was having with a religious leader. How does this conversation help you better understand the connection between experiencing forgiveness and expressing forgiveness?
11. Can you think of any ways a person can gain a greater appreciation for the grace and mercy God has for us?

Closing

1. God wants to use the story of your past as a tool for sharing his love and forgiveness with other people. Can you think of anything you might need to do in order to allow him to do that?
2. We all have people in our lives who haven't recognized they have the universal problem of sin and therefore haven't accepted the universal cure – Jesus. Which ones would you like to have the group pray for?

As you close, share your applications and pray for each other.

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Romans 3:21-26 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

21 But now the **righteousness** of God has **been manifested apart** from the law, **although** the Law and the **Prophets bear witness** to it— 22 the **righteousness** of God through **faith** in **Jesus Christ** for all who **believe**. For **there** is no **distinction**: 23 for all have sinned and **fall short** of the **glory** of God, 24 and are **justified** by his **grace** as a **gift**, through the **redemption** that is in **Christ Jesus**, 25 whom God put **forward** as a **propitiation** by his **blood**, to be **received** by **faith**. This was to **show** God's **righteousness**, **because** in his **divine forbearance** he had **passed** over **former sins**. 26 It was to **show** his **righteousness** at the **present** time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has **faith** in **Jesus**.