



Messiah

The holiest day in the year is Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). It is known as “the Sabbath of Sabbaths.” This is the day that we, as Jews, ask the Lord to forgive us for our sins of the past year.

However, what does the Lord want from us for the forgiveness of sins? The answer can be found in the Bible, God’s Holy Word. *“For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.”* (Leviticus 16:30) *“And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.”* (Leviticus 16:24) *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”* (Leviticus 17:11) A sacrifice is needed for our transgressions, and it was instituted to cover our sin.

The Bible spoke of lambs, rams, turtledoves, pigeons, goats, or cattle being given for a sacrifice. In more recent times, the only form of animal sacrifice has been a chicken, even though the Bible never speaks of chickens as a sacrifice.

We must now ask ourselves, “Why don’t we sacrifice today?” Is it possible that a perfect sacrifice has already been offered for the atonement of our sins...once and for all? If this is the case, where does the Bible speak of such things? In the book of Isaiah, the Bible states, *“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and*

with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all...Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand." (Isaiah 53:5-6, 10)

Who is the Lord our God speaking about? It is the Messiah! *"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he."* (John 4:22-26) Therefore, if Jesus Christ were the perfect sacrifice for our sins, there is no need for the sacrificial system today.

What must you do to have this sacrifice applied to your heart, thereby cleansing you from all your sins forever by the Messiah's blood? First, the Bible says that you must repent of your sins. *"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye."* (Ezekiel 18:30-32)

Secondly, you must believe. *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.”* (Romans 10:9-12) *“For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.”* (Romans 5:10-11)

Thirdly, you must pray and ask the Messiah, Jesus Christ, into your heart. He will forgive your sins, once and for all. God gives you this promise, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* (Romans 10:13)

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