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JESUS AND THE ATONEMENT Hebrews 9.11-15

We continue our series on the Uniqueness of Jesus. Today we look at the atonement— the idea that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross reconciles a sinful humanity with God and offers the forgiveness of sins.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4.10

Sacrifice and Atonement in the Old Testament:

Jesus and the Atonement

Foreshadowed in Isaiah 53:

- Described by Jesus as the reason for his coming to earth.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10.45

- Explained by Jesus at the Last Supper

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:28

- Accomplished at the cross

Jesus said, “It is finished.” John 19.30
At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Matthew 27.51

The writer of Hebrews is trying to persuade his readers to not go back to their old Jewish way of thinking. He presents Jesus as the ultimate and final revelation of God whose once-for-all sacrifice establishes a new covenant that fully atones for sin.

The sacrifice of Jesus has set us free.

- We have been set free from **GUILT** and **SHAME**.

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death. Hebrews 9.14

- We are free to **WORSHIP** and **SERVE GOD**.

...so that we may serve the living God! Hebrews 9.14

- We are free to receive the **ABUNDANT LIFE** Jesus promised.

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance... Hebrews 9.15

I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of. John 10.10

The writer of Hebrews is arguing that Jesus is better in every way. Don't go back to your old ways!

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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