

DO YOU BELIEVE

fundamentals of the faith
in the Christmas account

4 The Substitutionary Atonement



Introduction: The New Unger's Bible Dictionary provides the following definition for **Atonement**:

Someone has also defined Atonement as **At- _____ -ment**.

Charles Spurgeon wrote, "The Atonement is the _____ and spinal cord of Christianity."

John 1:29 - *"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Hebrews 9:28 - *28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

I. The _____ of Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Please be aware that this verse is called, the _____, which means, the first announcement of Good News.

In Genesis 3 we have the _____ of mankind.

When we understand the _____ we also understand "Why _____ things happen to us". Because of sin!

Please understand that "*Her _____*" - the seed of the woman who would bring forth the Messiah would be bruised at the cross.

II. The _____ of Genesis 3:21

21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

The text doesn't tell us that God _____ a lamb to cloth Adam and Eve, but most Bible teachers believe that it is inferred. Lamb skin makes a great covering.

In Genesis 4, it is the blood sacrifice of a _____ that is the acceptable offering (Genesis 4:4). God accepted the offering of Abel, but rejected the offering of Cain, which was the fruit of the ground (Genesis 4:4-5).

III. The _____ of Genesis 22

God called _____ to demonstrate his faith

Genesis 22:5 - And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

Genesis 22:8 - And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

Genesis 22:13-14 - *13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."*

IV. The _____ of Exodus 12

On the night of the plague, the Israelites were instructed to stay in their homes after **killing a _____ and placing its blood on the lintel and doorposts of their houses** (Exodus 12:7, 21-22).

The Passover is a picture that _____ is not possible unless the _____ has been applied. It was true for the people of Israel, and it is true for all mankind today.

I Corinthians 5:7 - *7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

V. The _____ of Leviticus 16

The Day of _____ (Lev 16) was a more complex ceremony involving special priestly garments, _____ sacrificial animals (one bull, two goats, and two rams), incense, and the purification of the holy place.

VI. The _____ of Isaiah 53

In Isaiah 53:7 - *He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.*

The lamb of God went to the cross _____ on our behalf.

VII. The _____ of Luke 2

Bible scholars report that Bethlehem was the city where _____ purchased for sacrifice in the temple were born and raised. Every firstborn male lamb in Bethlehem was set aside to later be delivered to Jerusalem. **And so was the Lamb of God.**

A. Jesus was placed in a _____.

B. _____ came and welcomed the Lamb.

C. The _____ from the East brought their Gifts.

Matthew 2:11 Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Hebrews 9:24-26 - For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. (ESV)

Conclusion: Do You _____ in the Substitutionary Atonement? Do you _____ that Jesus Christ the lamb of God took your sin debt upon Himself at the cross?