

# **Christ Is Our Passover And Atonement**

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Hebrews 9:11-28

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:27-28, ESV)

## **Introduction**

The faith and practice passed down by Moses was observed by daily sacrifices and several festivals throughout the calendar year. The purpose of these sacrifices and feasts was to teach God's people about God's holiness and therefore the conditions for a covenant relationship with Him. Their calendar year began with the Passover—which commemorated Israel's deliverance from Egypt—and about halfway through was marked by the Day of Atonement—the only required day of fasting under Levitical law—on which a lone high priest made atonement not just for all the people from for sin committed in ignorance but also for the temple, altar, other priests and even himself (see Leviticus 16:29-34). But in Christ the Passover and Atonement requirements were met forever.

### **1. Christ gave Himself as an eternally effective sacrifice. (Hebrews 9:11-14)**

- a) Christ didn't just enter a manmade temple, but entered heaven to reconcile us.
- b) His blood not only brings forgiveness, but purifies our conscience so we may serve God.

### **2. Christ is the guarantor of a better covenant with God. (Hebrews 9:15-22)**

- a) Both old and new covenants with God require the shedding of blood for forgiveness.
- b) Christ did what the old covenant required so that we might receive a new covenant.

### **3. Christ will come again. (Hebrews 9:23-28)**

- a) Christ appeared once for all people and all time to put away sin by sacrificing Himself.
- b) Just as man dies once then is judged, Christ died once and will return to save His own.

### **For our prayerful study, discussion and application:**

- 1) What is the lesson from the Day of Atonement for us today?
- 2) How is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ superior to the Old Testament sacrifices?
- 3) Read Hebrews 9:27-28. What does this mean and how should it affect how we live?

## **Conclusion**

Jesus Christ becomes our Passover and Atonement when we trust in Him to reconcile us with the Father through the offering of His sinless life and blood on the cross in our place.

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