



# Sermon Series Notes

## Communion- Jesus our Atonement

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### I. Brief History of the Fall and our need for redemption:

**Genesis 3:4:** You will be like the most high (explain-little gods; pride)

**Gen 3:7** Tried to hide their shame with fig leaves. (we do the same- wear masks).

**Gen 3:21** Temp. covering by a blood sacrifice.

**Hebrews 10:3-4-** But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins....

From the beginning **2 purposes:** 1. a temporary covering. 2. a regular reminder of the need for a redeemer.

Day of Atonement- The Lord's Goat and the Azazel (scape) goat

**Atonement** - Atonement is the act of being restored to the person that you have offended.

Our sin means that not only are we separated from God but that his wrath is poured out against us because of that sin.

**Problem with modern liberal gospel:** 1. Trials will come. Persecution will come. 2. Unless you understand what you were saved from you'll never appreciate what you been saved to.

**Reality:** Our sins have made us guilty and offended a holy God and in order for a legal acquittal two things need to happen:. 1. the offended party must be satisfied 2. the offender must be forgiven through the removal of the offense.

**Propitiation** - The goat that was sacrificed explains propitiation- the wrath of a holy God is absorbed  
Leviticus 17:11 explains that blood is shed because blood represents the life of the animal that is being substituted for the life of the one for whom it is sacrificed.

*Illustration: take mirror- Deflect it on the cross*

**Expiation** - The second goat (the scapegoat) that is sent out to the wilderness represents expiation.

**Why does it matter?**

### II. Preparation for Communion.

1 Cor 11: 17-19

2 things to remember before communion:

1. **Restoration:** Unity!
2. **Examination, read V. 27-30**

**III. Purpose of Communion-** 4 reasons why we do it.

1. **Appreciation:** 1 Cor. 11:24a
2. **Commemoration/recollection, (read v.24b-25)**  
*Key to really getting Christianity:* 1. Remembering what you've been saved **from**. 2. Remembering what you **deserve**. 3. Remembering what you've been saved **to**  
PS. 103 forget not his benefits-
3. **Proclamation: 11:26- Tell of the great things he has done.**
4. **Celebration:** result. Worth celebrating! Matt 26:30 (they sang a hymn)