**Atonement Is Revelation The Church Needs**

All too often our understanding of atonement is a theological concept of being covered by the Blood of the LAMB.

We need an actual, functional, revelation of YESHUA’s atoning sacrifice to be manifested by the HOLY SPIRIT in our inward parts **[see John 16:14]**.

YESHUA’s atoning sacrifice is revealed and manifested by the HOLY SPIRIT in a Witness of the Cross in Spirit, Water and Blood **[see 1 Corinthians 1:18, NASB + 1 John 5:8, NKJV = 1 John 5:10a, NKJV = Revelation 3:14b]**. This atoning reality operates as the Amen of YESHUA’s faithful and true Witness **[see Revelation 3:14b] in a peace that passes all understanding**.

In the atoning reality of YESHUA’s sacrifice, we have a witness in Spirit, Water and Blood that stands in a Shabbat-Shalom together with a conscience cleansed from dead works to serve the living GOD **[see 1 John 5:10a, 8, NKJV + Hebrews 9:14b = Revelation 3:14b]. We serve the living GOD by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS [see Romans 8:2]**.

We serve the living GOD in and through the 5-fold Ministry Gifts **[see Ephesians 4:11-12, 13-15]** and their derivatives that flow into the Body of MESSIAH **[see Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, 1-11]**. We serve through a Shabbat-Shalom of the growing actualization of YESHUA’s love and strength of power in our inward parts **[see 1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 3:14-20].**

**We function with a clean conscience that operates in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth in a functional Passover behind the veil [see Hebrews 6:19; 10:19-20, NKJV]**.

The Shabbat-Shalom unveiled in the Witness, faithful and true, in Spirit, Water and Blood, gives expression by the SPIRIT to the actuality of the atonement defining our functional state of being. In this Shabbat-Shalom we are free from the Law of Sin and Death as we work out our salvation with fear and trembling **[see Philippians 2:12c].**

The Word **[Gk: Logos]** of the Cross **[see 1 Corinthians 1:18, NASB]** needs to be alive in a Witness **[see 1 John 5:10a, NKJV]** that operates in our mouth and heart **[see Deuteronomy 30:14-15]** in and through a **conscience** cleansed by the atoning Blood of the LAMB of GOD **[see Hebrews 9:14]**.

The revelation of YESHUA having made atonement for us needs to be manifested in our hearts. A conscience cleansed by the Blood needs to undergird our thoughts, our words, our deeds and, our relationships. We need such a revelation because in the modern church our hearts are growing cold as we have become more and more **“sin-compliant”**.

The idea of grace **[which only exists because of the atoning sacrifice of the LAMB slain from the foundations of the world]** has increasingly become a cop-out for our sin in the Church today.

Many amongst us are no longer bothered about dealing with the issue of sin through repentance **[see 1 John 1:8-10]**. Some parts of the Body of MESSIAH may even be guilty of no longer proclaiming the need for repentance **[see 1 John 1:8-10]**.

Surely this cannot be right; because sin is abhorrent to YHWH **[see Hebrews 10:26-29]**; moreover sin forms an actual spiritual barrier between us and GOD **[see Isaiah 59:1-2] through a seared conscience** **[see 1 Timothy 1:19; 4:2 and compare these verses with 2 Timothy 1:3 and 1 Timothy 1:5; 3:9]** that progressively destroys our ability to operate in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Our hearts have become indifferent to the reality of the LORD’s atoning sacrifice. Some of us may even be guilty of standing on the threshold of trampling underfoot the SON of GOD by disregarding the Witness of the Blood of YESHUA **[see Hebrews 10:29, 26-29]**.

It is important that we understand that the sin-barrier between YHWH and us in our inward parts will render us defenseless against the power of evil sweeping the world. We could even be in danger of losing our salvation **[see Hebrews 10:26-31]**.

Grace is given to facilitate **the pursuit of GOD’s Righteousness in our inward parts** and **in our every function** in thought, word, deed and relationship. Instead we are making grace a cover-up for our desire to sin. And, this **‘falling away’** is happening because we have seared our consciences and, consequently we are no longer alive to the reality of YESHUA’s atoning sacrifice.

The Witness of YESHUA’s Blood in our inward parts is being extinguished by our desires for what the world offers.

Hebrews 9:13-15 [NKJV] declares: **< 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. >**

Grace is given so that we can deal with the issues of sin in our lives – by faith in YESHUA that opens the Righteousness of YHWH into our hearts **[see Rom 10:10; 2 Cor 5:21**] to manifest a new creation **[see Ephesians 2:10]**.

We can only deal with the issue of sin through our willingness to repent and pursue the **[creative]** change and transformation of our inward parts **[see 2 Cor 4:16-18] in the power that works within us to give us exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask and think [see Ephesians 3:20] as the Mystery of CHRIST is opened in us with His power working mightily within us [see Colossians 1:29, 26-29]** to establish the counsels of the FATHER’s will.

The outcome of such a revelation being perfected and completed into our inward parts will be a **deep gratitude** to YESHUA for His willing sacrifice that is the exclusive basis of: our gifts, our callings, our anointings and our every blessing – by promise, in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets **[see Matthew 5:17-18]**.

This **deep gratitude** to YESHUA is actualized in our inward spiritual senses, as revelation crystallized into our conscience, as the HOLY SPIRIT works the Word of Righteousness **[see Rom 10:10; Hebrews 5:13-14]** into us **[see Hebrews 10:15-17]** so that the Word of Righteousness takes **form** and **function** in our inward parts of spirit, heart and soul.

In this inward formation of the Blood Covenant Word of Righteousness we appropriate the Righteousness of YHWH manifested to us in the atoning sacrifice of the LAMB.

As 2 Corinthians 5:21 **[NKJV]** decrees: **< 21 For He [the FATHER] made Him [YESHUA] who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. >**

Great evil is sweeping the world. The spirit of lawlessness, which is being manifested together with the spirit of error, to unfold the spirit of the anti-CHRIST, can only be battled and broken in the standard of the Blood that stands in us and amongst us by the Faithful and True Witness of YESHUA that operates in Spirit, Water and Blood – by the HOLY SPIRIT.

There is a list of Scripture at the end of this article instructing us on the dangers posed by the spirit of lawlessness. Please think through these passages of Scripture because they can for a path for our lives in the midst of challenging times. Remember there are no solutions in sin and evil.

We are in a time when many hearts have become cold and indifferent and are in danger of eternal damnation. Hebrews 10:26-29 **[NASB]** declares: **< 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and *the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries*. 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay*." And again, "*The Lord will judge His people*." 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. >**

Many amongst us are guilty of taking the Blood of the LAMB for granted. Gratitude in our hearts and minds is important because we live in the age of the “Laodicean church” – the lukewarm church. We have become lukewarm because of our **materialistic perspectives on Scripture** in terms of our salvation and our wellbeing **flowing out of the material**, **rather than from YHWH**.

Many leaders may by our peculiar slant on the Scriptures designed to attract the worldly have – perhaps inadvertently – established many in the love of money which is the root of all evil **[see 1 Timothy 6:10; Luke 16:14; 1 Timothy 3:3; 2 Timothy 3:2; Hebrews 13:5]**.

Very few amongst us see our wealth being manifested in the actual riches of CHRIST **[see Ephesians 2:7; 3:8; Colossians 1:27; 2:2]** alive in our inward parts; in such a manner that we can unfold the wealth of His fullness in our every situation and circumstance – operating and functioning by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS **[see Romans 8:2; Philippians 4:13]**.

In the times ahead of us, in the reality of a failing world system and the end of this age, we will need to unfold the Kingdom dynamic that flows in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST **[see Colossians 1:13; John 14:12-14]** so that the world will see a future in the midst of evil and darkness **[see Isaiah 2]**.

In Revelation 3:14-22 [NKJV], YESHUA declares: **< 14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --- and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked --- 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.**

**Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." ' " >**

The reason why so many hearts are cold towards the riches of CHRIST is because many amongst us no longer appreciate the reality of the atonement that opens the wealth of Scripture **into our being** **by Blood Covenant Oath** **[see Hebrews 7:28]**.

In fact Covenant is more often than not mere theology to the Christian. Yet Scripture declares that we are Ministers of the New Covenant **[see 2 Corinthians 3:6a, 3-6, NKJV]**; and in this reality becoming ministers of CHRIST called out to be stewards of the Mysteries of GOD **[see 1 Corinthians 4:1, NKJV]**.

YESHUA proposes that we repent, seeking the removal of our hearts of stone that we have cultivated – after being born again - by trying to **“manage a ‘practical’ interface”** between YHWH and mammon [wealth].

As YESHUA declares **[in Matthew 6:24, 21]:** **< 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. … 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. >**

It is the actual reality of YESHUA’s atoning sacrifice – that manifests in a Witness by the HOLY SPIRIT in prayer and worship - that breaks the heart of stone that we have objectively developed by bringing the philosophies of the world into the Church.

Collectively we stand as a priesthood of believers. 1 Peter 2:9-10 **[NKJV]** declares: **< 9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. >**

The Levitical priesthood **“made atonement”** **– first - for themselves** **[see Leviticus 4:34]** and for the nation **[see Numbers 15:25]**. We as a priesthood of believers carry the Witness of the atoning sacrifice of YESHUA in our inward parts in Spirit, Water and Blood so that we can **“make atonement”** by Repentance and, by Intercession; and, by Spiritual Warfare, **destroy the spiritual strongholds and fortresses of the enemy that are preventing us and others in the Body from becoming ministers of CHRIST.**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 **[NASB]** declares: **< 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ >**

Such a **“ministry of atonement”** that **destroyed lawlessness** is foreshadowed in the life of Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest. In Numbers 25:10-13 it is written: **< 10 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 11 "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. 12 Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; 13 and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.' " >**

**Hence atonement is not simply about salvation, repentance and forgiveness by grace; but, atonement also validates the destruction of lawlessness and the works of the devil.**

YHWH declares that the key to this atoning reality operating from our inward parts in Spirit, Water and Blood **[see 1 John 5:8; 10a; Rev 3:14b]** is in us **being zealous with YHWH’s zeal [see Isaiah 9:7c, 6-7]. Brethren,** we have the Witness of the SON **[see 1 John 5:10a, NKJV]** operating in us by the HOLY SPIRIT; and, the zeal of YHWH that is establishing the Kingdom of His Beloved SON **[see Colossians 1:13; Psalm 110:3, 1-6] can operate in us and through us**, by the HOLY SPIRIT **- even unto the nations**.

It is fascinating that Scripture speaks of atonement being opened **to all people**. 1 John 2:2 [NKJV] declares: **< 2 And He Himself is the propitiation [appeasement] for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. >**

We have a mandate not merely to have the benefits of atonement operating in our lives but we have the capacity to **make atonement** by appropriating **[in the Witness of YESHUA within us and amongst us]** the glory of YHWH’s grace bestowed on us in the Beloved **[see Col 1:26-27]** and releasing it to unfold an end-time harvest **[see Isaiah 60:1-7]** in the zeal of YHWH-Sabbaoth.

**Appendix: Scripture Listing On Lawlessness & Error**

**Matthew 7:23 <23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.' >**

**Matthew 13:41 < 41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness >**

**Matthew 23:28 < 28 So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. >**

**Matthew 24:12 < 12 Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.>**

**Romans 6:19 < 19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification. >**

**2 Thessalonians 2:7 <7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work … >**

**Hebrews 1:9 < 9 "You [YESHUA] have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You [YESHUA] with the oil of gladness above Your companions." >**

**1 John 3:4 < 4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. >**

**1 John 1:8-10 < 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. >**

**1 John 4:1-6 < 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. 4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak *as* from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. >**

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