

# THE ONE TRUE GOD LESSON #10

## THE LOUD CRY OF THE FOURTH ANGEL

### THE ATONEMENT

#### INTRODUCTION

In the atonement there is a difference between the forgiveness of sin and the blotting out of sin. This atonement Christ began after He ascended to heaven and is divided into two phases. There is no atonement ever made in the court (this earth) other than Christ dying on the cross providing the atoning blood that was necessary for the two phases of the atonement. The first phase consisted of the forgiveness for sins past. Christ's blood covered the sin, but this covering of sins past did not completely cleanse the penitent soul of sin, he was still subject to sin. It did not blot out the sin, it provided a means of transferring the forgiven sin to the sanctuary in heaven. Without the transfer of forgiven sins of the individual to the sanctuary in heaven there will be no blotting out of sins. Only those sins transferred to the sanctuary will be blotted out during the second phase of the atonement.

The second phase of the atonement was to deal with the blotting out of sin or purification of the soul from sin so that the person had no more conscience of sin. The sinner was cleansed to the point where he would rather die than commit a wrong act. This blotting out of sin was to take place during the great Day of Atonement. This will take place during the investigative judgment when that judgment passes to the cases of the living during the second stage of the atonement. This is the cleansing of the sanctuary, which began in 1844. The purpose of this study is to reveal how these two phases of the atonement are accomplished. The first stage deals with the application of the blood for forgiveness of sin and the **removal of that sin from the individual and placing them on record within the sanctuary in heaven.** Only those who have con-

fessed sins on the books of heaven will be considered in the second phase of the judgment. In other words, only those who have accepted Christ and have asked for forgiveness of their sins will benefit from the blotting out of sins. This second stage is the purification or **blotting out of sin taking place in the most holy place (or the second apartment).** Let us pray:

As always Holy Father, we need Your holy spirit for understanding this subject. Please rain Your spirit upon us that we might be one with You that we may understand the mind of the Father. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

**PP 357, 358** "Important truths concerning the atonement were taught the people by this yearly service. In the sin offerings presented during the year, a substitute had been accepted in the sinner's stead; **but the blood of the victim had not made full atonement for the sin. It had only provided a means by which the sin was transferred to the sanctuary.** By the offering of blood, the sinner acknowledged the authority of the law, confessed the guilt of his transgression, and expressed faith in Him who was to take away the sin of the world; **but he was not entirely released from the condemnation of the law.**" (Emphasis mine).

**Heb. 9:6-15.** (In the sanctuary), "Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers' washings, and **carnal ordinances,** imposed on them **until the time of reformation.** But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, **by a greater and more perfect tabernacle,** not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the

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blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place (in heaven), having obtained eternal redemption for us. **For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:**” Stop right here.

**NOTE:** The blood of an animal could not cleanse the soul from its defilement and corruption. Christ had to shed His blood which is much more significant than that of an animal. We know that the life is in the blood, Jesus brings His blood into our bodies when he enters our hearts which is the soul or mind, and begins to apply it as needed. This makes Jesus and His Father one with the individual. The life of the Father and the Son is being incorporated, or assimilated into our very being! This is the process of our becoming one with the Father and Jesus just as they are one!

**John 17:21, 22.** “Then Jesus said unto them. Verily, verily, I say unto you. Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.” John 6:53. Let us continue in eb. 9.

**Verse 14.** “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.” (Emphasis mine).

**NOTE:** It is evident that there is a process accomplished in the most holy that many do not understand yet. Does the process of “purging the conscience from dead works” really take place? Sister White, always in agreement with scripture confirms this very truth. **GC 620:1. “Their sins**

**have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out,** and they cannot bring them to remembrance.” Here is how it is accomplished. Let us return to PP 356.

“On the Day of Atonement, the high priest, having taken an offering for the congregation, went into the most holy place with the blood and sprinkled it upon the mercy seat, above the tables of the law. Thus, the claims of the law, **which demanded the life of the sinner, were satisfied.** (Remember His death is equal to everyone’s death). Then in his character of mediator the priest took the sins upon himself, and, leaving the sanctuary, he bore with him the burden of Israel’s guilt. At the door of the tabernacle he laid his hands upon the **head of the scapegoat and confessed over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat.**” (Satan). And as the goat bearing these sins was sent away, they were, with him, regarded as forever separated from the people. **Such was the service performed “unto the example and shadow of heavenly things.”** (Emphasis mine).

**NOTE:** Are you seeing that this cleansing is not only taking place in the heavenly sanctuary but also is taking place in our **soul** as well?

**PP 357:4.** “As Christ at His ascension appeared in the presence of God to plead His blood in behalf of penitent believers, so the priest in the daily ministration sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice in the holy place in the sinner’s behalf. {PP 357.4}

“**The blood of Christ, while it was to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law, was not to cancel the sin;** it would stand on record in the sanctuary (and in the mind) until the final atonement; so in the type the blood of the sin offering removed the sin

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from the penitent, but it rested in the sanctuary until the Day of Atonement.” (Emphasis mine).

**NOTE:** This takes place in our bodies and more specifically the mind. In the first compartment or holy place experience there is forgiveness but sins are not blotted out, we can remember them. This is because victory has not been gained. Satan comes and tempts and we fall. Immediately go to Jesus and ask forgiveness and pardon will be granted. An example of this is represented by Aaron when he had rebelled against God and erected the golden calf. When Moses called “all who are on the Lord’s side come to me.” Those who came were restored into favor with God. Aaron actually became the high priest of God. Until we are one with Jesus, and His blood, representing His life, is combined within us as our very life to the point we would rather die than sin, the Father cannot cleanse the soul to the point of not remembering sin. He only makes one sacrifice for sin, therefore it has to be right. We will never again have anything to do with Satan or sin through the ceaseless ages of eternity! See Heb. 7:27; 9:28. In Heb. 10:10-14. We read “By which will we are sanctified through the **offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all**. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. **For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.**” Let’s continue in PP. p. 356:6.

“In the great day of final award, the dead are to be “judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” Revelation 20:12. Then by virtue of the atoning blood of Christ, the sins of all the truly penitent will be blotted from the books of heaven. Thus, the sanctuary will be freed or cleansed from the

record of sin. In the type, this great work of atonement, or blotting out of sins, was represented by the services of the Day of Atonement—the cleansing of the earthly sanctuary, which was accomplished by the removal, by virtue of the blood of the sin offering, of the sins by which it had been polluted.” {PP 357:6}.

**PP 358:1-3.** “As in the final atonement the sins of the truly penitent are to be blotted from the records of heaven, **no more to be remembered or come into mind**, so in the type they were borne away into the wilderness, forever separated from the congregation. {PP 358.1}

“Since Satan is the originator of sin, the direct instigator of all the sins that caused the death of the Son of God, justice demands that Satan shall suffer the final punishment. Christ’s work for the redemption of men and the **purification of the universe from sin** will be closed by the removal of sin from the heavenly sanctuary and the placing of these sins upon Satan, who will bear the final penalty. So, in the typical service, the yearly round of ministration closed with the purification of the sanctuary, and the confessing of the sins on the head of the scapegoat.” {PP 358.2}

“Thus, in the ministration of the tabernacle, and of the temple that afterward took its place, the people were taught each day the great truths relative to Christ’s death and ministration, and once each year their minds were carried forward to the closing events of the great controversy between Christ and Satan, **the final purification of the universe from sin and sinners.**” {PP 358.3} (Emphasis mine).

FLB (THE FAITH I LIVE BY). 102:4. “God is approached through Jesus Christ, the Mediator, the only way through which He forgives sins. God cannot forgive sins at the expense of His justice, His holiness, and His truth. **But He does forgive sins and that fully. There are no sins He**

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will not forgive in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the sinner's only hope, and if he rests here in sincere faith, he is sure of pardon and that full and free. There is only one channel and that is accessible to all, and through that channel a rich and abundant forgiveness awaits the penitent, contrite soul and the darkest sins are forgiven. These lessons were taught to the chosen people of God thousands of years ago, and repeated in various symbols and figures, that the work of truth might be riveted in every heart, that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. . . . Justice demanded the sufferings of man; but Christ rendered the sufferings of a God. He needed no atonement of suffering for Himself; all His sufferings were for us; all His merits and holiness were open to fallen man, **presented as a gift.** {FLB 102.4} (Emphasis mine).

**1888 127:3.** "Now Christ is in the heavenly sanctuary. And what is He doing? Making atonement for us, cleansing the sanctuary from the sins of the people. **Then we must enter by faith into the sanctuary with Him, we must commence the work in the sanctuary of our souls. (The same work done in the heavenly sanctuary) We are to cleanse ourselves from all defilement. We must "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**" Satan will come and tempt you and you will give way to his temptations. What then? Why, come and humble your hearts in confession, and by faith grasp the arm of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary. Believe that Christ will take your confession and hold up His hands before the Father--hands that have been bruised and wounded in our behalf--and He will make an atonement for all who will come with confession. What if you cannot understand about this matter? He says, 'He that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from

his old sins'" (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:19). {1888 127.3} (Emphasis mine).

**19MR (MANUSCRIPT RELEASES VOL. 19). 176:1.** "Will the churches heed the Laodicean message? Will they repent, or will they, notwithstanding that the most solemn message of truth--the third angel's message--is being proclaimed to the world, go on in sin? This is the last message of mercy, the last warning to a fallen world. **If the church of God becomes lukewarm, it does not stand in favor with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** Those who have had opportunities to hear and receive the truth and who have united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, calling themselves the commandment-keeping people of God, and yet possess no more vitality and consecration to God than do the nominal churches, **will receive of the plagues of God just as verily as the churches who oppose the law of God. Only those that are sanctified through the truth will compose the royal family in the heavenly mansions Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him and keep His commandments.** {19MR 176.1}. (Emphasis mine).

**NOTE:** How many Adventist will receive this counsel? We are called to a higher standard than if we had not understood the third Angels message at all. Just because we are Adventist does not give us the right to think of ourselves as having a prerogative above any other church. The Jews thought they were privileged above everyone else. Do not let this sin deceive you also.

In the 1950's the General Conference sanctioned talks with certain of the evangelical churches to discuss how the S.D.A'S. could be accepted into the mainstream of Christianity. To mark off the

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stigma of being called a cult. The bottom line was that we must accept the doctrine of the Trinity. Dr. Kellogg, as early as 1903 tried to introduce the trinity doctrine in his revised book "THE LIVING TEMPLE" but failed. This doctrine the pioneers most vehemently rejected, again when Dr. Froom tried to introduce it in the 1920's. He had to decide to wait until after the death of the early pioneers to continue his efforts. So began the push toward the acceptance of the Trinitarian doctrine into the S.D.A. Church. By 1980 this doctrine had been so widely accepted it was voted into the fundamental beliefs of the church. So, the leadership of the church has led the church into apostasy and we stand condemned before God. Just as Jezebel and Ahab led the children of Israel into apostasy, so also have we been led astray by the hierarchy of the church.

These lessons have been a call to reformation and acceptance of the true pillar of the church concerning the Godhead that was established by our founding fathers in 1845-48. Remember Elijah on Mt. Carmel asking all Israel whom they would serve. If Baal is god serve him, but if the Lord is God, then serve Him. No one answered a word. What a tragedy. And so, we stand condemned just as the fallen churches of the world! If the Trinity be god then follow those three, but if the Father be God then follow Him! See 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 8:6; John 17:3.

There is hope if we will awake and follow the truth that was once delivered to our founding fathers. Jesus will heal our backsliding and rebellion if we will turn and receive the truth once given to us as a church! All this is a matter of record if you will take the time to dig out the facts!

Church leaders have declared the Trinity doctrine to be a revelation of greater light. Not so. We have been instructed by God that **new light**

**will never contradict or destroy old light or truth, but will only strengthen and confirm it.** Truth never changes, if it was true 200 years ago it will always be truth else it never was truth!

Listen to what Paul said in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:8-13. "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the **love of the truth**, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**: That they all might be damned who **believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness**. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth."

**NOTE:** How can the Trinity doctrine established by the Papacy in the counsel of Nicea be truth? That church declares that all her (false) doctrines are based on the Trinity doctrine.

## **The atonement:**

So, what is the Atonement? How is Christ's blood applied to us legitimately? We know that "every violation of God's law must receive its just retribution"

**GC. 88 540:1.** (If God cannot violate) "His justice, holiness," or "truth" how is it that we are not punished with death? An innocent person is never punished for the sin he has not committed! Yet "Christ the sinless became sin for man. He bore the guilt of transgression, and the hiding of His Father's face until His heart was broken and His life crushed out." IBID. Jesus had no sin: we are the sinners so how can His death be applied

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for our death? I was told you just have to accept this by faith. Ok, I accept it by faith, but still the question remains. How does God accomplish this **justly**? I was told “you ask too many questions, or they would go into some long dialog that seemed to address many things, but not the question. I do have a very inquisitive mind but does not scripture tell us to “come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” Isa. 1:18. So, the LORD has instructed us to reason about this very subject.

I have wondered if anyone else has questioned this transfer of guilt to the Saviour. When I thought about His death, understanding He did not die for any sin that He had committed but for all the sins I had committed, thus making me the one who in reality killed Him. And since He died for me in my place, Him being the creator and sustainer of my life, then His death had to equal my death and everyone else’s as well. If the one who gives and sustains your life dies, especially for three days, you can surely understand His death would represent your death and everyone else’s. We are told in Romans 6:6-8. “Knowing this, that our old man **is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For He that is dead is freed from sin. **Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.**” Romans 6:6-8. His death was not for Himself—He was innocent therefore death could not hold Him—thus Christ was victor over Satan. This gave Him authority and power to apply His merits to everyone who confesses and pleads his blood for the forgiveness and blotting out of sin. Since we died when Christ died the demand of the law for our death has been satisfied and we go free from its penalty. Now when the Father looks at our past life all He can see is the life of His dear Son. All the beatings, the mocking, the crown of thorns, the nails in His

hands and feet, the sword in His side. All this He received for the purpose of shedding blood to cover and blot out sins. What terrible punishment is this!

So far, we have looked at only half of the atonement! The part dealing with sins past as being forgiven. This is the first stage of the atonement. Now let’s look at the blotting out of sin, the second phase of the atonement. What is the guarantee against future sin? After all we have been forgiven many times for the same sins. This problem is addressed in this passage also, “**we believe that we shall also live with Him.**” How does Christ’s death heal us from the problem of committing sins in the future? To keep us from sinning. This is, perhaps, the most important function of the atonement, how shall we also live with Him. Let us look for a bit at how the blotting out of sin, or the cleansing of the soul sanctuary, is accomplished. As we struggle to overcome sin it becomes very clear after some time that we are helplessly bound in Satan’s prison. We need a supernatural power to break his hold on us and create us into a new person, to break us free from Satan’s power and to maintain that freedom. This struggle with sin drives us to Christ in desperation. We do not want to die. Our request is sincere and Christ gives peace at last but then we fall again for some strange reason. Sometime it takes time for us to truly overcome sin. But if we refuse to give up and keep on keeping with Jesus the victory is assured. As we struggle with the sin problem pleading for help, Jesus imparts the merits of His atonement to us and we become more and more like Him “for by beholding we become changed” (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 3:18). until every desire for sin has been overcome, even to the point where Satan will have nothing in us, he can touch and obtain a favorable response. Even to the extent we would rather die than commit a wrong act against our Friend and God. We love Him so much we obey His every

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word. This will happen when we allow the Father and His Son to make their abode within us. See John 14:23. The individual is recreated into a new and completely different person within.

We are all familiar with Revelation 3:20. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Christ comes to cleanse the soul from defilement but there can be no cleansing without His blood being applied to the different articles of furniture. We know the life is in the blood. Lev. 17:11. "For the life is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar **to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.**" This living with God's divine mind within us is the assurance of no more sins ever again.

Here we are in the most holy place of the soul, the mind, and Christ is there with us applying His blood. First, He puts His blood on the horns of the altar of incense representing the cleansing of our will and uniting it with His. He sprinkles it in the part of the brain that controls thought thus our mind is united with His. No more bad thoughts. He does this for speech, sight, hearing, and all the places it is needed and his life is united with our life. The heart, like a steam engine, throbs and the blood is forced through the entire body and cleansing takes place. Remember His life is in His blood, so now you have His life within you! And we become one with Him just as He is one with His Father! White stones, polished white and living, stones. This is the process for all that will allow Jesus to come into their hearts, and so the bride of Christ is formed, the 144,000!

**6 BIBLE COMMENTARY ON JOHN 14:15.** "Those only who through faith in Christ **obey all of God's commandments** will reach the **condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived**

**before his transgression.** They testify to their love of Christ **by obeying all His precepts.**" (MS 122, 1901). {6BC 1118.10}. (Emphasis mine).

**SPIRIT OF PROPHECY 1, p. 123, 4.** "Those who have delayed a preparation for the day of God, cannot obtain it in the time of trouble, or at any future period. The righteous will not cease their earnest, agonizing cries for deliverance. **They cannot bring to mind any particular sins; but in their whole life they can see but little good.** Their sins had gone beforehand to judgment, and pardon had been written. **Their sins had been borne away into the land of forgetfulness, and they could not bring them to remembrance.** Certain destruction threatens them and, like Jacob, they will not suffer their faith to grow weak because their prayers are not immediately answered. Though suffering the pangs of hunger, they will not cease their intercessions. They lay hold of the strength of God, as Jacob laid **hold of the angel; and the language of their soul is, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me."** The saints at length prevail, like Jacob, and are gloriously delivered by the voice of God." {1SP 123.3}. (Emphasis mine).

It is my hope and prayer that you have enjoyed this study and can understand the beauty of the union that is to exist between us and the Father and His son through all eternity as His bride.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I ask You to bless those who study this lesson with understanding, comprehension, and wisdom that all may know Christ, the way, the truth, and the life that we may enter in through the gate into the City of God. This is my prayer in Jesus name. Amen.

Your brother in Christ.

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