

The Spotless Lamb of God

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Text: 1 Peter 1:18-21

Introduction: Jesus atoned for our sins because He knew we couldn't do it ourselves.

Our human minds _____ think that the effects of sin:

- Are _____ and _____.
- Can be _____ and _____.
- _____ over time.

The Bible indicates that almost everything we _____ think about the effects of sin is wrong. The Bible teaches that the greatest effects of sin:

- Are _____ and _____.
- Are _____ and _____.
- _____ over time.

When you've sinned, you can't just wait until people forget about it and figure everything's all okay now. Every sin must somehow be made right!

A belief that sin is only _____ and _____ is at the heart of all false religion.

It is why:

- Humans, since the beginning, have been trying to _____ for their own sins.
- Cain brought the fruit of his own _____ as a sacrifice to God.

- Baal worshippers brought a part of their crops to _____ before their idols.
- Many ancient religions shed _____ blood to pacify their imagined gods.
- Some people today try to _____ their way into Heaven by for their own sins.

The Bible is clear that we can never successfully _____ for our own sins.

- _____ won't do it.
- Good _____ won't do it.
- _____ won't do it.

You can't:

- Bathe in dirty water and _____ yourself.
- Give money to the needy and atone for _____.
- Save a life and atone for _____.

Atonement for sin requires that we have a perfect substitute. This is the principle of substitutionary atonement.

The annual Passover feast of the Israelites was meant to teach them that they needed the _____ of a _____ lamb to shield them from God's _____.

The Bible clearly teaches that *Jesus* was the Lamb of God—the perfect _____ who came to _____ for the sins of all people!

Conclusion: Have *you* washed in the blood of the Lamb?