

SCCC – ONE SACRIFICE FOREVER

“For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.” Leviticus 16: 30

C – Consideration

The Lord gave instruction to Moses about the special day of the year when the priest had to bring the sacrifice to God to cover the sins of the nation; “then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.” The animals for the sacrifices were one bull and two goats. The bull’s blood was for the priest, one goat’s blood for the nation, and the second goat, the priest would lay both his hands on its head, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and would send it away into the wilderness.

C- Commitment

When I read about the ritual laws in Leviticus about forgiveness of sins for the nation, I imagine how many struggles the priests had to face in their duties in the Tabernacle. Especially, when in The Day of Atonement, where they had to carefully observe all the regulations in the law, otherwise they could easily die. The holiness of God had to be satisfied with sacrifice; an innocent animal would die as a substitute for the guilty community. Nonetheless, almost two thousand years ago, God’s love waived the ceremonial sacrifices when He provided the perfect sacrifice once for all, “And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.” The author of the letter to the Hebrews was teaching how Jesus fulfilled the requirement of the Law. Then, he asked the question to the Jewish Christians to make a point about the contrast of the old and the new covenant: “For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 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? “ Jesus, to make sure that we would never forget the significance of His death had established communion as the second Christian ordinance, after baptism: “Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Therefore, this ordinance will always remind me: Jesus, You are my perfect sacrifice, my redeemer, my priest, my king, my Savior, and Lord.

C – Call

My God, I am forever thankful that You have sent your Son to save us from our sins. Jesus had no sin, and yet He became sin to pay our ransom. I pray that my heart would always think of the greatest gift You have offered us. I pray also, that the world will hear the gospel. Please,

Father; revive all of us, and fill our hearts with the joy of Your salvation, so we will share the blessed story of Calvary to the ends of the earth. In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen.