

BA28. Believing that Yeshua Died for Our Sins.

We are to believe that Yeshua died for our sins.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still helpless, at the right time, the Messiah died on behalf of ungodly people. Now it is a rare event when someone gives up his life even for the sake of somebody righteous, although possibly for a truly good person one might have the courage to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in that the Messiah died on our behalf while we were still sinners.

1 Corinthians 15:3

For among the first things I passed on to you was what I also received, namely this: the Messiah died for our sins, in accordance with what the Tanakh says;

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 20:28

Mark 10:45

John 1:29, 3:17

Acts 5:29-31

Romans 3:21-25, 4:25, 5:10, 6:10, 8:33-34

1 Corinthians 5:7

2 Corinthians 5:14

Galatians 1:4, 2:19-20

Ephesians 2:13, 5:2

Colossians 1:14, 22

1 Timothy 2:6

Hebrews 2:9, 9:14, 28, 10:10

1 Peter 1:18-19, 2:24, 3:18

1 John 2:2, 3:16, 4:10

Related New Testament Mitzvot

BA20 Listening to, Believing, and Obeying the Good News of Yeshua

BA38 Knowing the Compassion of Yeshua

BA39 Acknowledging God's Kindness

BA50 Believing that Yeshua's Sacrifice was for All of Humanity

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Leviticus 4:2-3

Tell the people of Isra'el: 'If anyone sins inadvertently against any of the mitzvot of ADONAI concerning things which should not be done, if he does any one of them, then, if it is the anointed cohen who sinned and thus brought guilt on the people, he is to offer ADONAI a young bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he committed.

Leviticus 4:13-14

If the entire community of Isra'el inadvertently makes a mistake, with the assembly being unaware of the matter, and they do something against any of the mitzvot of ADONAI concerning things which should not be done, they are guilty. When the sin they have committed becomes known, then the assembly is to offer a young bull as a sin offering and bring it before the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 16:3-11

Here is how Aharon is to enter the Holy Place: with a young bull as a sin offering and a ram as a burnt offering. He is to put on the holy linen tunic, have the linen shorts next to his bare flesh, have the linen sash wrapped around him, and be wearing the linen turban- they are the holy garments. He is to bathe his body in water and put them on. He is to take from the community of the people of Isra'el two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. Aharon is to present the bull for the sin offering which is for himself and make atonement for himself and his household. He is to take the two goats and place them before ADONAI at the entrance to the tent of meeting. Then Aharon is to cast lots for the two goats, one lot for ADONAI and the other for 'Az'azel. Aharon is to present the goat whose lot fell to ADONAI and offer it as a sin offering. But the goat whose lot fell to 'Az'azel is to be presented alive to ADONAI to be used for making atonement over it by sending it away into the desert for 'Az'azel. Aharon is to present the bull of the sin offering for himself; he will make atonement for himself and his household; he is to slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself.

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for yourselves; for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life.

Isaiah 53:4-6

In fact, it was our diseases he bore, our pains from which he suffered; yet we regarded him as punished, stricken and afflicted by God. But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises we are healed. We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet ADONAI laid on him the guilt of all of us.*

Isaiah 53:11-12

After this ordeal, he will see satisfaction. "By his knowing [pain and sacrifice], my righteous servant makes many righteous; it is for their sins that he suffers. Therefore I will assign him a share with the great, he will divide the spoil with the mighty, for having exposed himself to death

and being counted among the sinners, while actually bearing the sin of many and interceding for the offenders.

Comment

The need for us to offer a blood sacrifice to atone for our sins is a requirement established by God. Under the Mosaic Covenant, the sacrifice was of animals brought to the Tabernacle, and later the Temple, and was assisted by Levitical Priests. In addition to daily sacrifices for the sins of individuals, there was an annual sacrifice of two goats to atone for the sins of the Nation; both kinds of sacrifices had to be repeated day after day and year after year. We read in Jeremiah 31:30(31)-33(34) and Hebrews 8:6-12 that Israel violated God's covenant and, instead of punishing Israel, God promised them a new and better covenant based on better promises.

We now know that the better promises are that we no longer have to sacrifice animals each time we commit sin. Instead, God sent his Son Yeshua to earth as a man to be a once-and-for-all-time sacrifice, so that whosoever of us receive him as our Messiah and repent of our sins are forgiven. We still have to repent each time we sin, but we do not have to repeatedly sacrifice so long as we remain in a faith relationship with Yeshua.

Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2

D13 Afflicting Our Souls & Repenting on Yom Kippur

E04 Being a Kingdom of Priests, a Holy Nation, Proclaimers of the Good News, & a Light to the Gentiles

O04 Implementing the "Great Commission" Proclaimed by Yeshua