

# Answers to November Blog

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*“What does it mean to be atoned for?” When I hear the word “atone” I think of it having a Biblical origin. It seems to be a word that you cannot define, but rather that it must be defined for you by means of its Biblical origin.*

Whether it did originate from the Bible or not, I have no idea, but ultimately, what I am trying to say is let the Bible define terms for you than defining the Bible by your terms. Basically, our God made a path of redemption for us, but it was not one that we had to work for. He did all the work. Jesus did that part on our behalf. He made the way to repair relationship with God. He made the way to be on the same righteous standing as Jesus. We can stand boldly before God’s throne because we know our place... with Him. As the Son of God lived his life, so can the children of God. We can walk in the same provision and communication and love as Jesus, because we are in Jesus’ place together with him.

“Why was it necessary for Jesus to ‘shed his blood’ for our redemption?” Jesus came with an intention and that was to redeem mankind. He endured the hardships of man, the bondage of man, so that we could experience the freedom he relinquished. Every area of suffering from temptation from the devil to sweating blood to being whipped to hanging on a tree was so that he could take on those burdens for our sake and have relationship with us because he understands what we go through. He wants us to be in the same freedom as himself.

“What does a revelation of the shed Blood of Jesus AFFECT the life of the believer? Why is it so important to never underestimate the power and process of the blood in the Cross?” The revelation affects every part of a believer’s life. You are either redeemed or not. There is no in between. You cannot be partially saved. Those who live with guilt, are saved, yet do not sin do not have a full understanding of the revelation of Jesus Christ. I remember in my MPD group we talked a bit about how Christ’s work affects also our conscience. Because we are righteous, we no

longer need to experience guilt. God has now infiltrated every part of our lives being the purifier and provider, being the parent and personal God.

We cannot underestimate the power of our redemption because it is so beyond our understanding. We experience the love of God, which goes beyond our understanding, same with peace, same with joy. You just can’t undermine the power because we can always seek to understand it further because it is beyond our understanding. We will never cease to be amazed. To understand what it is like to have relationship with God is like saying you understand God, you can’t. The plus side is we can always seek to grow relationship with God because it is infinite and so beautiful. He is the God of the universe yet is our dad. He lives in us and us in Him. We are in a state of oneness with Him, yet how can we understand that? We cannot underestimate the power of the blood because it has done infinitely so much for us.