A Priest and Two Goats
Leviticus 16:1-10 Hebrews 9:11-28

Day of Atonement
• See Lev. 23:26-32; 16:1ff
• Day of Covering – covering of sins.
• Most solemn day.

The Shadow of Things to Come
• A day of shadows. A shadow has the shape of the real thing. A shadow is one dimensional. A shadow only gives hints to the real thing. (Col. 2:16-17)
• It was a day of humiliation. The High Priest removed his majestic robes and assumed the duties of a normal priest. (Exodus 28:2, 40; Lev. 16:4; Phil 2:7; white linen=Hebrews 7:26)
• Two goats were selected:
  1. “for the LORD” – it would be come a SIN OFFERING and its blood sprinkled on the MERCY SEAT in the Holy of Holies.
  2. “for AZAZEL” = “goat” + “to go away” (scapegoat)

ONE SACRIFICE
• Imputation: A big word that simply means “to give to another.”
  - The High Priest would lay his hands on each of the goats as a symbol of “imputing” the sins of Israel unto them.
  - The goats, innocent substitutes, received all of God’s people’s sins.
  - The one goat, an innocent substitute, would die for the sins of God’s people.
  - The other goat, an innocent substitute, would take the sins of God’s people away into the wilderness never to be seen again. (Psalm 103:10-11)
• Once a year (every year) the High Priest made ATONEMENT for God’s people. Atonement means “to cover.”
• The High Priest worked alone in the Temple. It was a day when the people were commanded NOT TO WORK. The act of atonement was accomplished by the High Priest alone! Any person who did any manner of work God promised to destroy that person. (Leviticus 23:30-31)
• This day was a day of SOLEMN REST for the people. (Leviticus 23:32)

The REAL Thing (Hebrews 9:11-12)
• JESUS CHRIST, the Anointed One, came as our HIGH PRIEST. (v. 11; 2:17; 3:1; 4:15; 5:5; 6:20; 7:28; 8:1) – Aaron and his sons were only SHADOWS – something MUCH LESS than the real thing!
• JESUS CHRIST laid aside His robes of majesty and made Himself of “no reputation” and humbled Himself even unto death. (Philippians 2:6-8)
• JESUS CHRIST entered into the Holy of HOLIES in heaven – the real thing – not the shadow. He entered into the PRESENCE of God. (v. 11, 12)
• JESUS CHRIST, our High Priest, entered into the Holy of Holies, with His OWN BLOOD – the blood of God (Acts 20:28); precious blood (1 Peter 1:19)
  - CONSIDER THIS CAREFULLY:
    - The price to redeem one person who had sinned one sin was the blood of God.
    - NOTHING ELSE could pay.
    - Consider the VILENESS of SIN (your sin).
  - Christ came to give His LIFE for US! He has every right to say, “Whosoever will not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:33)

The LORD laid on Him all of our sins. (Isaiah 53:6) Christ became a CURSE for us. (Galatians 3:13)
• JESUS CHRIST was “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” (John 1:29)
• JESUS CHRIST is the “goat of God” who takes away our sins as far as the east is from the west! (Psalm 103:12)
• JESUS CHRIST, our High Priest ONCE FOR ALL. This phrase does not mean once for all people (see 9:28) but once FOR all time – never to be repeated!
• JESUS CHRIST obtained ETERNAL REDEMPTION.
  - Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone obtained – did the work!
  - “to redeem” – “to deliver a person from a state of bondage, and that by the payment of an adequate ransom price.” (See Matt. 20:28)
  - NOT yearly but ETERNAL REDEMPTION. (See Hebrews 9:26)
• ATONEMENT is NOT a New Testament concept! Our sins are NOT COVERED– BUT they are REMEMBER NO MORE! (Hebrews 8:12; Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:19 with Revelation 21:1)

Is Christ YOUR High Priest?
• The Day of Atonement (Covering) was for Israel and only Israel.
  - It was selective!
  - Christ’s work was also selective – it was for His people. (Matt 1:21)
• The high priest interceded only for Israel.
• Our High Priest intercedes not for everyone – only His own.
  - He intercedes for us. Hebrews Romans 8:34
  - He intercedes for those given to Him. John 17:9
  - Christ only intercedes for those He saves. Hebrews 7:25
• Our names are on our High Priest’s shoulders – He upholds us.
• Our names are written on His breast – He loves us.
• Is Christ YOUR High Priest? John 17:20