

Every year, “Yom Kippur,” **“the Day of Atonement”** is observed by practicing Jews, Samaritans, and some Christians, on **“the tenth day of the seventh month” (Leviticus 25:27)**. On our calendar, this day comes in either late September or early October. In 2023, it began at sundown on September 24th and ended at sundown on September 25th. This Jewish festival was very important under the Old Mosaic Law Covenant that Almighty God made with the ancient nation of Israel, as elaborated in detail in Leviticus chapter 16. **“He has not done this with any other nation” (Psalm 147:19,20 NLT)**. Jews today **“observe many other traditions”** in connection with “Yom Kippur” which **“go beyond what is written in Scripture” (1 Corinthians 4:6 GWT)**.

However, the Old Mosaic Law Covenant was **“canceled,”** and **“replaced”** by the **“new covenant” (Colossians 2:14 NLT; 2 Corinthians 3:11 NLT; Hebrews 9:15)**, and has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ (**Hebrews 10:1**). God had commanded Israel that, **“the Day of Atonement” “is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites” (Leviticus 16:34 NIV)**.

The problem with the Old Covenant was this: **“The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship” (Hebrews 10:1 NLT)**. Why? Because, **“it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins”** permanently (**Hebrews 10:4 NIV**). Then why was the Old Law Covenant **“given at all?” (Galatians 3:19 NIV)**. **“To show people their sins . . . until the coming of”** Christ (**Galatians 3:19 NLT**).

To solve this problem, **“God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement” (Romans 3:25 NIV)**. Jesus Christ **“offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time” (Hebrews 10:12 NLT)**. **“God paid a ransom to save you”** with **“the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God” (1 Peter 1:18,19 NLT)**.

So, there is no need for anyone to celebrate “Yom Kippur,” **“the Day of Atonement”** now (**Galatians 4:9-11**).

For more detailed explanations about how we know this, please see the following articles on this website:

“Old Covenant Cancelled-New Covenant Operates”

“Old Covenant Shadows Fulfilled in New Covenant Substance of Reality”

“New Covenant-‘The Good Things That are Now Already Here”