

The
Mission

*The Unfolding Story of
God's Redemptive Purpose*





Objective

Motivate believers to participate in God's mission, revealed by:

1. The Father's love
 2. The Son's sacrifice
 3. The Spirit's empowerment
 4. The Church's mission
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John 12:27-33

²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² **And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.**” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

**The sacrifice of the ONE
draws ALL people.**

Questions that arise

1. Why was a sacrifice needed in the first place?
 2. Why couldn't God just forgive?
 3. Is it fair for one person to pay for others' mistakes?
 4. How could one person's sacrifice impact the many?
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Leviticus 16:1-2

¹ The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the Lord and died,² and the Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother **not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil**, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.

**Communion was the problem.
Sinful men cannot be
in communion with a holy God.**

Leviticus 16:3-6, 11

³ But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. ⁴ He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on. ⁵ And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. ⁶ Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall **make atonement** for himself and for his house.

¹¹ ...He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself.

Leviticus 17:11

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

Payment

The debt and consequence of sin

Leviticus 16:12-14

¹² And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil ¹³ and **put the incense** on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. ¹⁴ And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and **sprinkle it** with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

Purification

The cleansing of God's dwelling place

Leviticus 16:20-22

²⁰ “And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. ²¹ And Aaron shall **lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins.** And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.

²² The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

Purge

**The removal of sin from
the community**

Leviticus 16:29-31

²⁹ And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and **shall do no work**, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you.

³⁰ For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins. ³¹ It is a **Sabbath of solemn rest to you**, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever.

Presence

The restoration of communion

PAYMENT, PURIFICATION,
and **PURGE** were necessary to
make **PRESENCE** possible again.

The Ultimate Atonement Through Jesus

Payment

1 Peter 1:18-19

“Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

Purification

Hebrews 9:13-14

“For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

The Ultimate Atonement Through Jesus

Purge

Hebrews 13:11-12

“For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.”

Presence

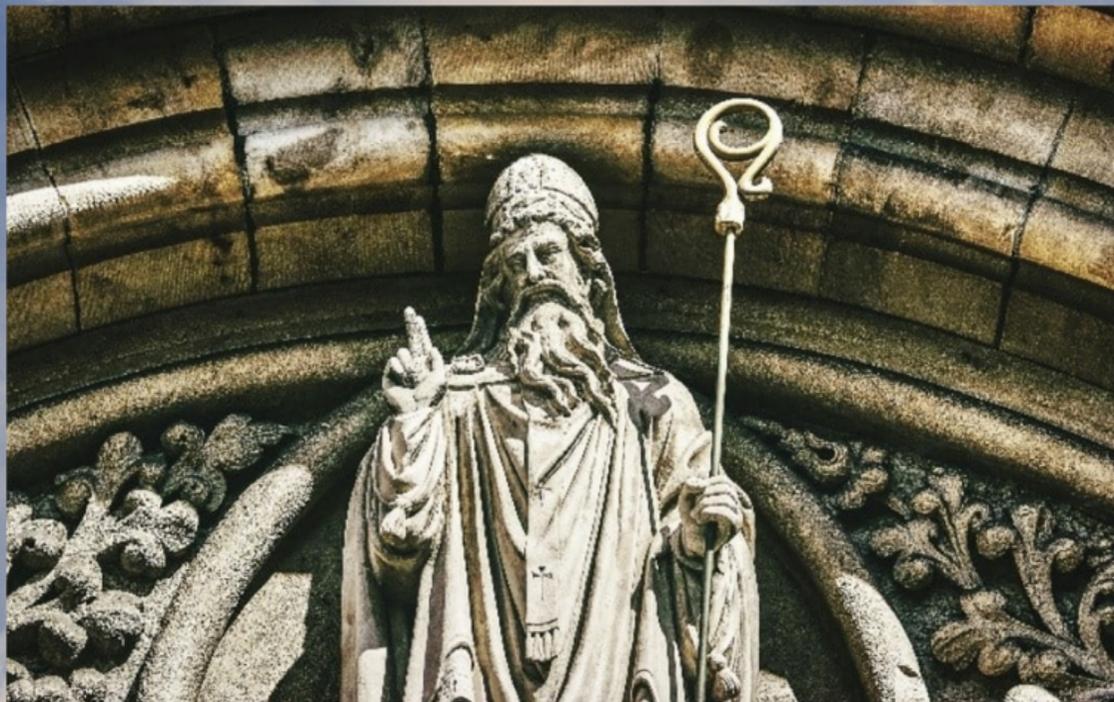
Matthew 27:51

“And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.”

Hebrews 13:12-16

¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ **Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.** ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ **Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,** for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Saint Patrick of Ireland



**Where is your
“outside the camp”?**
