

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

April 22, 2023 Hiding of our sin vs Removal of our sin

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Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

We are always collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Hebrews 9:11-14

Sunday



Hiding of our sin vs Removal of our sin

Last Sunday we discussed how we sometimes allow the mistakes or failures of our past to negatively impact our present or decisions about our future or even affect our relationships with others.

We talked about the difference between covering up and hiding our sin versus allowing God to completely remove our sin.

Paul tells us in **Romans** that the wages of sin is death and we have all fallen short short of the glory of God. We can never be justified by The Law. None of us deserve salvation. None of us deserve a relationship with God. Sounds pretty bad.

Fortunately, there's good news...Jesus!

By God's grace (giving us something that we don't deserve) and through the blood of Jesus, we no longer need to live under The Law. So, even though we definitely do not deserve a relationship with God, we get it anyway, not by anything we did but by what Jesus did for us. We now have a completely new life, reconciled with God, by the blood of Jesus.

11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves: but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

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The Old Testament Law required us to make blood sacrifices for our sins. By the blood of animals our sin was covered up or hidden, temporarily. It was an atonement rather than reconciliation and it had to keep being repeated over and over again. It never led us to a relationship with God.

The blood of Jesus, the perfect sacrifice, completely wiped away all our sin, past, present, and future as if it never happened, for a clean conscience and the ability to once again have a relationship with God.

We compared our forgiveness to getting a piece of glass stuck in your foot. Under The Law, your skin would just cover the glass (sin) so that you couldn't see it but it was still there causing pain and preventing you from living a full life.

The blood of Jesus removes the glass and completely heals the wound as if it had never been there allowing you to experience life to the fullest.

Even better, every time you step on another piece of glass, you can run to God and the blood of Jesus removes it and completely heals the wound as if it never happened.

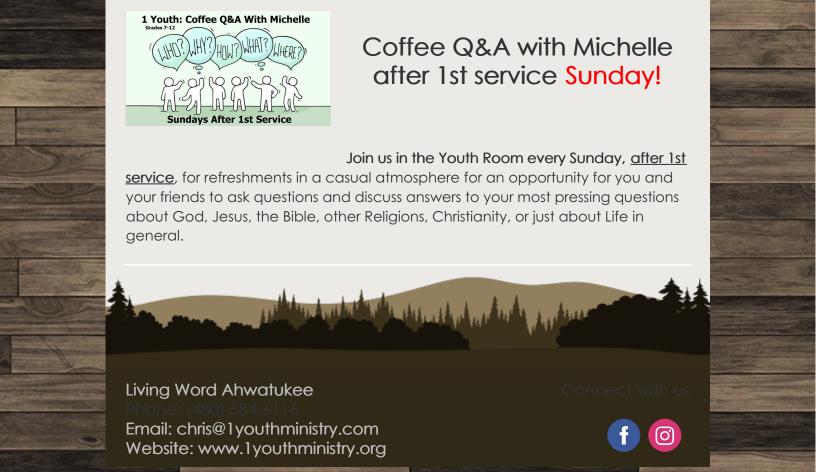
While the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament were temporary covers of sin, the blood of Jesus, by God's grace, completely removes our sin permanently.

All you need to do is to receive God's forgiveness and let God, through The Holy Spirit, guide your steps knowing that when you make a mistake you can take it to God and allow Him to teach you and wipe your conscience clean of any guilt that may be holding you back.

We said, don't allow the mistakes and failures from a negative past keep you from living the amazing life that God has for you. You have been redeemed and your sin has been erased and completely forgotten. You are completely forgiven.

New Youth Game Room

The games have all been moved, along with some great new ones, into the annex (down the hall past Pastor Jeff's office). Come check it out before or after service!



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