

The Day of Atonement Leviticus 16

“On the cross, Jesus received the full outpouring of His Father’s righteous wrath against the sins of people, and with His own blood, Jesus satisfied God’s just anger against sin and diverted God’s wrath from us to Himself.”

The Precious Blood, Dustin Bengel, p32

In other words, Jesus became our **substitute**.

“We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.”

EFCA Statement of Faith

The Day of Atonement was given to people to prepare them to understand the atonement of Jesus Christ on the cross. The Day of Atonement is a consistent reminder of at least three things:

1. The awfulness of sin.
2. The need for forgiveness.
3. The effectiveness of atonement.

To augment your understanding of the atonement, read Hebrews 9 & 10, with particular attention to Hebrews 9:7,11-12; 10:1,4.