

Yom Kippur
ATONEMENT:

The fifth Holy Feast Day is the Day of Atonement (Lev.23:27-32). It is a Holy Day of humble prayer and fasting to help us draw nearer to God and to help us repel Satan's influence (Matt.4:1-11, Matt.17:18-21). We enhance our relationship with God as we draw nearer to Him in humble appreciation for His ATONEMENT (James 4:6-10)! Just like the Jerusalem Church of God, we also fast on the Holy Day of Atonement (Acts.27:9). The Day of Atonement pictures the atoning sacrifice of the life of Christ for the sins of mankind. The Day pictures the atoning sacrifice of the Lamb of God to restore God's people to Him; and it pictures the banishing of Satan for 1000 years (Lev.16:9-31, Rev.20:3). Whereas the Passover begins God's plan of merciful salvation, Atonement is its fulfillment, since Atonement pictures real unity with God where (AT-ONE-MENT) with Him is made complete. When one understands God's Feast of Atonement, one does not wonder why the New Testament Church of God, like the righteous in Israel, kept Atonement as such a sacred day. Truly it is a fitting reflection or shadow of the Body of our Lord being sacrificed for the atonement of all mankind as well as the banishing of the great deceiver, Satan. Once Atonement is fulfilled, world peace and Jubilee (Lev 25:9-10) will begin.