

Unity Around Jesus' Forgiveness

The Day of Atonement 2025

Many people are familiar with Passover and Pentecost, but some are not familiar with the Day of Atonement. Here is one of the Bible verses:

“And *you* shall have on the Tenth Day of this Seventh Month a holy assembly.” (Numbers 29:7)

When Jesus paid for our sins on the cross, one thing that we often forget is that Jesus did not shut down the High Priesthood. He took it over!¹

“We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. ... Now has He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.” (Hebrews 8:1,2,6)

When God appointed this day, He appointed it forever.

“It shall be a statute forever” (Leviticus 23:31)

“Forever” includes today, which means that Jesus is continuing to administer, on that day, the atonement that He paid for as our High Priest, every year! Apostle Paul referred to the Day of Atonement occurring after the cross in Acts 27:9², which is in accordance with the scripture’s command to keep it “forever”.

The Day of Atonement is a powerful day of unity in the church around Jesus’ forgiveness.

How does one enter in?

WHEN: It occurs on the 10th Day of the 7th Biblical Month³. In 2025, it will go from the evening (black sky background) of Thursday, October 2, 2025 to the evening of Friday, October 3, 2025.

WHO: It is for born-again believers only. Jesus will be ministering to those who *receive* His forgiveness. So, it is recommended that there being an invitation at the very *beginning* of the meeting for people to receive Jesus and become born-again in case someone has attended who is not born-again yet.

¹ Hebrews 6:20, “Jesus, made a High Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.”

² Acts 27:9, “Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them”. Hurricanes in the Mediterranean historically peak in activity in the fall, after the fast of the Day of Atonement. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediterranean_tropical-like_cyclone

³ Leviticus 23:27, “On the Tenth Day of this Seventh Month there shall be a Day of Atonement: it shall be a holy assembly unto you.”

- HOW:**
1. No work (no business, no school) for the whole day (starting the evening before). People's contact information could be collected for later follow-up, but any church business or any announcements about the future should be deferred to another day, per Isaiah 58:13-14⁴.
 2. Fast⁵ and pray (at home before and after the church service). Fasting both food and water is the Biblical model, per Deuteronomy 9:18 and Ezra 10:6⁶.
 3. Humbly bow down our souls before God⁷ ("afflict our souls"). Allow oneself to grieve inside.
 4. Remove jewellery and rings⁸.

CHURCH: 5. Attend a church service. This is "holy assembly".

"And *you* shall have on the Tenth Day of this Seventh Month a holy assembly." (Numbers 29:7)

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus ... And having an high priest over the house of God ... Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (on that Day of Atonement, which is the context of the holy assembly occurring when the High Priest is conducting his duties)" (Hebrews 10:19,21,25)

It is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves when the Biblical day starts. God declared that the day starts in the evening⁹. God also defined the "evening" to be when there is no light from the sun, since light had not been created yet when the evening began on the First Day and the sun was later appointed the ruler of the day¹⁰. So, a Biblical day begins when the last residue of sunlight has left the sky, which is when the sky's background turns "pitch black". A full Bible Study on this topic is available at www.DayOfAtonement.ca/information/ "When does the Biblical day start?" Start times are listed below for various cities. In 2025, it will start when the sky's background becomes pitch black on Thursday night, October 2. This same date applies around the world.

⁴ Isaiah 58:13, "Not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words" (not furthering our own agendas, which can easily be marked by avoiding talking about the future and just being thankful about past events). Note, one can collect others' contact information for follow-up later.

⁵ Note that fasting is not a Biblical requirement for the Day of Atonement, since "affliction" is required of one's soul, not of one's body, so, for example, children (younger than age 12, Luke 2:42,49) and those unable do not have to fast; however, it is recommended for everyone who is able, to fast, since this brings our body into alignment with what is happening in our soul. Apostle Paul referred to "the fast" in Acts 27:9, when he was referring to the Day of Atonement. There is a holy anointing on this day, so even people with medical conditions are surprised with themselves that they can fast the whole 24 hours.

⁶ Deuteronomy 9:18, Moses said, "I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which *you* sinned." Ezra 10:6, "He did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them who had been carried away."

⁷ The word "afflict" in Hebrew means to be lowly submissive. Ezra 8:21, "Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of Him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance."

⁸ "Therefore now put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what to do unto you" (Exodus 33:4-6). Note that removing jewelry is not commanded directly with respect to the Day of Atonement, but it is recommended since it aligns oneself up for a cleansing from the most offensive sins. The result of removing ornaments for the Israelites was that God not only turned His fierce anger away from their deep sin, but gave them the other extreme of sending His presence in power with them.

⁹ Genesis 1:5, "And the evening and the morning were the First Day."

¹⁰ Genesis 1:16, "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also."

Since some other calendars propose other dates, for your information, the October 2-3, 2025 date is based on the following:

“God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years” (Genesis 1:14)

The Bible says that God’s calendar is based on His lights in the sky. It is that simple. The October 2-3, 2025 date comes from the calculated location of when God’s lights in the sky will show God’s clock. The cornerstone of a Biblical month is the sighting of a New Moon with the naked eye. To predict when the next sighting of a New Moon will be comes from the official posting by the United Kingdom’s HM Nautical Almanac Office. To determine human’s ability to see God’s lights in the sky, Dr. Bernard Yallop developed the Yallop’s Method. He was a former Superintendent of HM Nautical Almanac Office (HMNAO) and based his work on actual sighting studies published by Bradley Schaefer and LeRoy Doggett of Moon Watch programs in the 1980's and 1990's. These compared documented visual sightings with the calculated locations of the moon, sun, and the person’s position on the earth at the time of the sighting, and developed predictability criteria. One can easily verify this research by looking up into the sky at the times predicted and find that the moon is exactly where the research said it would be. It is from this verified research that the Biblical Day of Atonement will start on the evening of October 2, 2025!

In summary, the Day of Atonement is a day of corporate healing, which occurs on the day commanded by our Heavenly Healer and Forgiver.

The following is the Biblical summary:

“And *you* shall have on the Tenth Day of this Seventh Month a holy assembly; and *you* shall afflict your souls: *you* shall not do any work therein. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest.” (Numbers 29:7, Leviticus 23:31)

“The scripture cannot be broken”, said Jesus (John 10:35).

What a wonderful place to be, abiding in His love (John 15:10¹¹)!

Amen!!

¹¹ John 15:10, “If *you* keep My commandments, *you* shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.”

INFO SHEET

START OF THE BIBLICAL DAY “Pitch Black” – Canada

October 2, 2025 Thursday Evening

Abbotsford, BC	8:26 PM	Medicine Hat, AB	8:42 PM
Ajax, ON	8:18 PM	Mill Cove, NB	8:31 PM
Arcadia, NS	8:26 PM	Milton, ON	8:21 PM
Brampton, ON	8:21 PM	Mississauga, ON	8:20 PM
Broadview, SK	8:11 PM	Moncton, NB	8:28 PM
Brooks, AB	8:48 PM	Montreal, QC	8:00 PM
Burlington, ON	8:20 PM	Moose Jaw, SK	8:23 PM
Burnaby, BC	8:29 PM	Niagara Falls, ON	8:17 PM
Calgary, AB	9:00 PM	Oakville, ON	8:20 PM
Cambridge, ON	8:23 PM	Oshawa, ON	8:17 PM
Caronport, SK	8:24 PM	Ottawa, ON	8:10 PM
Chateauguay, QC	8:01 PM	Outremont, QC	8:00 PM
Consul, SK	8:36 PM	Pickering, ON	8:18 PM
Dalhousie Jct., NB	8:16 PM	Prince Albert, SK	8:34 PM
Digby, NS	8:26 PM	Red Deer, AB	9:02 PM
Edmonton, AB	9:07 PM	Regina, SK	8:19 PM
Estevan, SK	8:09 PM	Riceville, ON	8:04 PM
Etobicoke, ON	8:20 PM	Rockland, ON	7:56 PM
Gimli, MB	8:50 PM	Rolling Hills, AB	8:48 PM
Gloucester, ON	8:04 PM	Roxboro, QC	8:07 PM
Granby, QC	7:57 PM	Saint John, NB	8:30 PM
Hamilton, ON	8:20 PM	Saskatoon, SK	8:33 PM
High Prairie, AB	9:34 PM	St. Catharines, ON	8:17 PM
Keewatin, ON	8:33 PM	St. Laurent, QC	8:02 PM
Kitchener, ON	8:24 PM	Surrey, BC	8:28 PM
Lachine, QC	8:02 PM	Swift Current, SK	8:32 PM
Langley, BC	8:27 PM	Terrace, BC	9:12 PM
Laval, QC	8:01 PM	Toronto, ON	8:19 PM
London, ON	8:37 PM	Trois-Rivieres, QC	7:59 PM
Longueuil, QC	8:00 PM	Vancouver, BC	8:30 PM
Louisbourg, NS	8:07 PM	Whitby, ON	8:19 PM
Maple Ridge, BC	8:27 PM	Windsor, ON	8:30 PM
Markham, ON	8:19 PM	Winnipeg, MB	8:48 PM

The Biblical day ends approximately 24 hours later.

Fasting and prayer is at home (except for the Friday 10 am PST church service).