

# Living Free from Guilt

*Clean: finding Jesus in Leviticus* Jonathan Schaeffer

*God made Christ, who never sinned,  
to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be  
made right with God through Christ..*

2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT

## The Weight of Sin

*If any of the common people sin by violating one of the Lord's commands, but they don't realize it, they are still guilty.* Lev. 4:27 NLT

→ **Every one of us has carried guilt over things we've done or left undone.** That guilt has a devastating effect in our relationship with God and others. Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23

## The Gift of Forgiveness

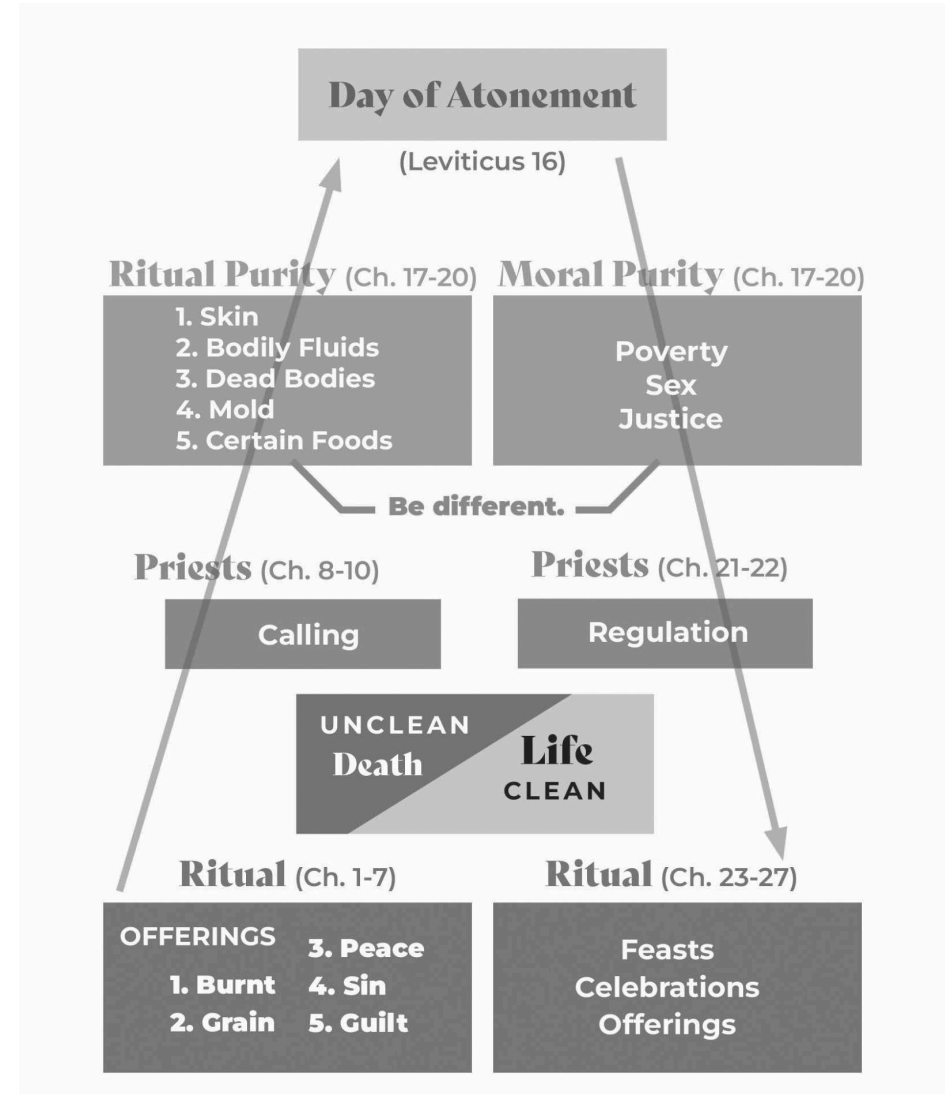
*If someone brings a lamb as their sin offering... In this way the priest will make atonement for them for the sin they have committed, and they will be forgiven.* Leviticus 4:32,35 NIV

→ **God designed us for friendship with him, so he graciously provided a way for what separates us to be removed.** If we compare the path to forgiveness then and now, it's clear we have a **better forgiveness**. Compare Lev. 16 vs. Hebrews 7-10.

	<u>IN LEVITICUS</u>	<u>TODAY</u>
The Place	<i>Look to the Tabernacle</i>	Look to Calvary
High Priest	<i>son of Aaron—a <u>sinner</u></i>	Son of God— <u>sinless</u> Jesus
Term Length	<i>Limited—they all died</i>	Eternal—Jesus lives forever
Atonement	<i>Animal's blood sprinkled</i>	<u>Jesus' blood</u> poured out
Sinner's Role	<i><u>Scapegoat</u> carries guilt</i>	Guilt carried by <u>Jesus</u>
The Result	<i>Repeated year after year</i>	Sins <u>removed completely</u>
God's Presence	<i>In the Tabernacle</i>	In <u>every Christ-follower</u>

→ **Have I personally transferred my guilt and sin to Jesus?**  
How does it change my perspective to know that he “always lives to intercede for us,” even today? (Read Hebrews 7:25)

## The Flow of Leviticus



From The Bible Project, *Overview: Leviticus*, 2016  
See also *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?*, M.L. Morales, 2015

**Read More:** [gracecma.org/bulletin](https://gracecma.org/bulletin)



### **young adult retreat FRI-SUN, March 8-10**

Spend a weekend away from your day-to-day rhythms to step closer to Jesus and others! This retreat for adults 18-30 saves extra time for the good stuff. Build friendships (old and new!) play games, share conversations and experiences, worship, and discuss Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

**@Camp Burton Register Online by FEB. 29!**

**[bit.ly/goodshepherd24](https://bit.ly/goodshepherd24)**



### **alpha follow day SUN, Feb. 25 | 12-2 PM**

Sample what the first night of Alpha feels like, connect with experienced leaders, and learn what it looks like to journey with people exploring the Christian faith. This is a free event, but registration is required. Treats and coffee will be provided.

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### **become an ESL guide**

**Info Meeting: SUN, March 3  
in the Fireside Room after 10:30 AM + Noon**

You can help people learn English as their second language during our Spring Classes! There are many ways to serve: teaching, tutoring, greeting, and hospitality. This is a great way to share the love of Jesus with people from all nations. If you know a friend who would like to learn English, or you'd like to help spread the news, please take an invite card from the lobby today. **@Middleburg Heights**

**Learn more: [gracecma.org/events](https://gracecma.org/events)**

**Upcoming Events at Grace | February 11, 2024**



### **baptism TODAY**

If you've made the decision to follow Jesus, your next step is baptism! This is a public moment that becomes a forever memory in your faith journey: the old is gone, the new has come.

**Next Date: MAY 19**

**Learn more: [gracecma.org/baptism](https://gracecma.org/baptism)**



### **Ladies latte MON, Feb. 12 | 7 PM**

Do you ever wish you could... have a more positive outlook, speak more life-giving words, break free from something that has a hold on your life? This week Mary Schaeffer will be talking about the Bible's advice for getting 'unstuck' so you can grow to become the person God created you to be!

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**Learn more: [gracecma.org/women](https://gracecma.org/women)**



### **Forever Young lunch + Bible study**

**THURS, Feb. 22 | Noon**

Adults 50+ are invited to enjoy a refreshing lunch and Bible study! Become part of a warm and lovely community that meets together to meditate on God's Word and discuss what it means to live it out. Lunch is just \$8/person at the door.

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### **vision night SUN, March 3 | 5:30 PM**

Share a meal with your Grace family and hear about what God did in 2023, and our vision for the year ahead. If you plan to attend for the dinner portion, please register online so we can prepare enough food for everyone. **@Middleburg Heights**

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