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Monday

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Jews understood the need for atonement. For centuries they practiced a yearly sacrifice. Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, was the highest day of worship in the Jewish calendar. This year Yom Kippur fell on October 7th, beginning at sunset. According to the OT Law, on that day a perfect lamb was to be sacrificed. Yet, that Lamb was only a foreshadowing and a picture of the perfect Lamb of God. Jesus gave himself upon the cross that dead men might live. He is the perfect Lamb of God who died for your sins. Give thanks for the Lamb.

Tuesday

Acts 26:17-18 ...I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

There is no ice cream in hell! There will be nothing good in hell. There will be no feelings of love. There will be no sense of accomplishment, no friendship, no joy. From the most mundane pleasures, like sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell, to the deepest satisfactions of living, loving, and knowing, these are all apart of God's creation and gift, which will be unknown in hell. Separation from God means separation from all of God's goodness. And in hell one is eternally separated from God. This alone should motivate you to pray for and witness to your lost friends and family. This alone should drive you to your knees in repentance.

Wednesday

Col. 2:13 And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

To be dead in your transgressions is to be separated from the presence of God and from His loving fellowship. God has a wonderful plan for your life, yet if you are without Jesus, you cannot experience His plan. When you are 'dead', you are separated from God's plan, purpose, and meaning for your life. So I ask you today, "do you know the Lord?" "Have you been reborn from the dead?" If not, give him your life right now. Invite Him to be your Lord and Savior. Invite him to take your life and use it for His purposes and in the process, find your purpose.

Thursday

Rom. 7:9-10 And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died; and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;

Great News! You're DEAD! Why is that so great? Because only people who realize they are dead have the hope of life. God has given you the gift of realization. You realize that apart from Jesus, you are dead. This conviction of death issues in a godly hopelessness bringing the possibility of repentance and salvation. Thank God that you realize you are 'dead' without Jesus, for without that realization there would be no possibility of life in Him. This is conviction of sin and is a gift of God.

Friday

John 11:25-26 ..."I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

That is it! If death is separation from God and Jesus brings restoration of that relationship with God, then ***we never have to die***. We don't have to be dead any more ***or ever again***. Even when our physical life in this dimension is over, ***we will not die***. We will not be separated from God. Nothing can ever separate us from God ever again. O' give God praise and thanks for this wonderful gift.