

## Question 62

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**Q62. How did they show their faith?  
A62. By offering sacrifices on God's altar.**

*Scripture Base:* Lev 16:1-28; Heb 8-11.  
*Doctrine:* WCF 7:5, 8:6 SC 20

### Supplementary Questions

1. What is a sacrifice?
2. How did offering sacrifices show their faith?
3. What were some other ways the Old Testament believers showed their faith?

Song: #194 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

### Teaching Notes

Review Q61. How were pious persons saved before the coming of Christ? - *By believing in a Savior to come.*

Scripture: Leviticus 16:1-28 **The Day of Atonement**

#### Questions:

1. It is the offering of an animal on God's altar. Animal sacrifices were instituted by God in the garden. After the Fall, God slew animals to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness (*Gen. 3:21*). The fig leaves (their own works) weren't enough. They needed God's provision. Adam and Eve continued to sacrifice after they were removed from the Garden, showing that God had instituted this as the way they were to approach Him in worship (*Gen 4:3-4*). God's people continued to sacrifice on their own until the time of Moses. Then He established the priesthood to offer the sacrifices (*Ex. 28*). The Lord tells us that when we sin, we deserve to die (*Rom. 6:23*). Death is the punishment for sin, because this is what God's justice demands. That's what the shedding of blood means: the giving up of a life. He graciously allowed them to substitute an animal sacrifice in their place, so they wouldn't have to die.
2. God said that if they offered animals in their place, they would be forgiven (*Lev. 4:27-31*). If they were to be forgiven, they had to believe God's promise and act on it. It was an act of faith as they looked forward through that sacrifice to the One whose sacrifice really did take away their sins.
3. Believing His Word and acting on it. Believing God's promises (He would forgive their sins if they offered a sacrifice in faith). Obeying His commandments. Trembling at His warnings. They also showed their faith by seeing the savior through the sacrificial pictures He gave them.

Gospel: Like the Old Testament believers, you can't see Jesus who He lived on earth about 2000 years ago. You must look to Him in faith. You no longer need to approach God through animal sacrifices because Jesus has come and shed His blood. You must trust Jesus to save you. Rely on His good works and sacrificial death. He is the only way you can come to the Father.

Extras: Worksheet - scapegoat.

Song: Hymn #194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"