Name: Dallin Williams AF#3 The Atonement of Jesus Christ

1. Memorize Article of Faith #3 (Review #1-2)
2. What do the following scriptures teach you about Jesus Christ and His atoning sacrifice? Explain in your own words what you learn about Jesus and His sacrifice for the world.
   * John 3:16: God the Father loves the inhabitants of the world, his children, so much that he allowed his son, Yeshua, to sacrifice himself for them. This gives his children the opportunity to redeem themselves if they follow in Yeshua’s teachings, which are God the Father’s teachings.
   * 3 Nephi 27:13-14: Yeshua’s purpose on earth is conveying the gospel of God the Father to his children and also redeeming them through overcoming death. This gives Yeshua the right to judge men for their actions and either allow or deny them entrance to God the Father’s kingdom, which is heaven.
   * Alma 7:10-13: Yeshua will be born, live, suffer, be tempted, and die. This enabled him to understand the human condition and sympathize with all those who suffer.
   * 1 Corinthians 15:20-22: Yeshua died and overcame death due to his demi-god attributes, thus he can overcome death for all who die.
   * Doctrine & Covenants 19:15-19: Yeshua wants the children of God the Father to repent of their sins and “come unto him” so he does not have to punish them according to the laws of God the Father. Or rather, so they do not reap consequences that they cannot appreciate.
3. Read the Encyclopedia of Mormonism entry on [The Atonement of Jesus Christ](https://eom.byu.edu/index.php/Atonement_of_Jesus_Christ) (included in this module). Explain below what you find unique, interesting, challenging, confusing, and/or important about the Atonement of Jesus Christ. (3-5 sentences per answer)
4. The atonement of Yeshua is the redeeming half of the fall of Adam. Since Adam fell, and before Yeshua overcame death, the bodies of the inhabitants of earth could not be exalted. Afterwards, Yeshua is presumably within the natural laws to reunite the spirits of the children of God the Father with their bodies.

1. Yeshua overcame death and sin, consequently gaining the power to redeem the souls of the worthy. He is also responsible for judging the actions of the children of God the Father and sentencing them to different realms. While spirits await judgement, they reside in either “spirit paradise” or “spirit prison”, depending on their relative morality on earth.
2. Yeshua volunteered to be foreordained for the responsibility to preach the gospel of God the Father, atone for the sins of man, and overcome death. Even when he was on the crucifixion cross, he had the power to save his own life, but chose to face death in his mortality (Luke 23:46). This sacrifice, of Yeshua giving his life and of God the Father giving his son, was first honored by animal sacrifices, and then sacrificing personal sins to follow the gospel more closely.
3. While all men will be resurrected into exalted bodies, there are aspects of the atonement that are conditional on obedience to God the Father’s commandments. Those aspects are living in the presence of God the Father and the progression of man in heaven. Even though these aspects are conditional, it is impossible for man to fulfill the conditions; this is where mercy bridges the gap.
4. Those who die before encountering the gospel of God the Father on earth, and if they are relatively moral according to their capacity, they will be taught in “spirit paradise” and be given the opportunity to accept and abide by it. These people include children before the age of accountability, the unbaptized, and those without capacity. If there was no mercy, and Yeshua was not given power to judge case-by-case, our actions on earth would automatically deposit us into either heaven or hell.
5. What questions do you have about what you have studied concerning The Atonement of Jesus Christ?
6. Why have ordinances outside of saving ordinances?
7. What natural laws enable the reformation and reanimation of decayed organisms, and would the reformed body be instead a clone and not the body one was born into?