

# Day of 5.04 Atonement



EN fundament sanctification

# What is this TXT Fondue program about?

With this program, we want to explain what it means to live holy. This difficult theme is overshadowed by many false beliefs. Believers often confuse mercy with sanctification. This means the rules that have to do with your salvation are wrongly applied on your sanctification. As starting point, we will use King Jesus' likeness of the man who was invited to the wedding banquet, and was later cast out. He didn't have his sanctification sorted out. The nickname of this TXT Fondue is "the second cleanup".

# How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

### Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go indepth can do so afterwards.

### Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

### Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through <a href="HuisfeestNetwerk.org">HuisfeestNetwerk.org</a>! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at <a href="facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork">facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork</a>.

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## What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

### Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: <a href="mailto:facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork">facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork</a>. Elders can exchange their experiences at <a href="mailto:facebook.com/groups/Oudsten">facebook.com/groups/Oudsten</a>.

#### Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

### What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the fifth fundament: sanctification.

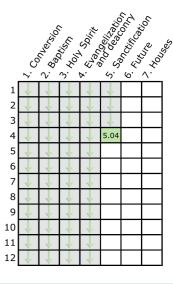
We recommend you to read the books of James, Matthew, Luke, Proverbs and the entire Bible while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

**Previous program:** 5.03 Fasting

**This program:** 5.04 Day of Atonement

**Next program:** 5.05 Putting down the

For an overview of all programs, see the <u>Learnhouse</u>.





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### 1a. Matthew 22:1-10 says:

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' But they paid no attention and went off-one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

What did the people who came to the banquet have to do to be a part of it? (answer) Nothing; all were invited. They received the invitation from the king.

2a. Matthew 5:48 says: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." What does 'perfect' mean here?

(answer) Flawless in God's eyes.



3a. (Please read the bold text of this guestion aloud.)

Who is holy, is different; in God's eyes perfect. We've been set apart to carry out the plan that God the Father has for our lives, like 2 Timothy 2:21 says: "Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work." Someone from the team asking the question will explain without naming the word itself what it is called if you miss this purpose. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word". (answer) Sin.

# 4a. Fortunately, King Jesus has also given us the Holy Spirit. In which way does the Holy Spirit help us live holy?

(answer) There are multiple possible answers. The other team needs to give only one answer:

- 1. The Holy Spirit shows you where you have sin in your life, so that you are aware what you do wrong and that you may stop doing it.
- 2. The Holy Spirit leads us on the right path.
- 3. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to have the victory. (comment)
  - 1. John 16:8: "When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:"
  - 2. Galatians 5:16: "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."
  - 3. Marc 16:17-18: "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."



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5a. Who holds the ultimate responsibility for everyone's holiness? Pick from the following six possibilities:

a. God the Father d. The pastor

b. King Jesus e. Church leaders (elders)

**c. The Holy Spirit f. You yourself** (answer) The correct answer is: "f. You yourself".

6a. 1 Peter 1:13-15 says: "Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do." Explain in your own words what is meant by this passage.

(answer) That you need to be careful not to give in to unholiness.

7a. The Feast of Trumpets is followed by the ten days of remorse and repentance, also known as the "ten terrible days". The completion of these days is the Day of Atonement. What is it you have remorse about and have to repent from? (answer) Anything unholy.

8a. Whenever you are dirty, you take a shower and you come out clean. Quickly after that, you become dirty again. You'll need a second cleanup to stay cleanup. In other words, you'll need a first shower, and a second cleanup.

This is also how it is with the Day of Atonement. In Hebrew, this day is called "Yom Kippur". The Hebrew word for atonement is "kipur", that comes from the verb "kafàr", that can mean reconciliation, doing penance, or covering.

On the Day of Atonement, two young male goats had to be sacrificed. The blood of the first kid goat that was slaughtered covered the sin that was between God the Father and the people, so that He could forgive our sins through this blood sacrifice of the first kid goat.

The second kid goat was sent into the desert, where it would die in loneliness. This is an image of the burden of sin that we must deal with later, just like after our sanctification we still need to wash off the sin that clings to us.

What was this second kid goat called? (It is a well-known English word.) (answer) The scapegoat.



9a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The color of the wool on the kid goat's horns would change to a different color. This way, the Jewish people knew: this year we were forgiven again. This particular color is the symbol of our holiness and has everything to do with the sacrifice of King Jesus.

For example, 1 John 4:9–10 explains: "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Someone from the team asking the question will describe what this color can be compared to, without naming the word itself. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".

(answer) Snow.

(comment) Isaiah 1:18 is about this very event: "'Come now, let us settle the matter,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.'"



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10a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)
The team asking the question will demonstrate the following two things using pantomime:

- 1. How was the man thrown out?
- 2. Where did the man end up?

The other team will try to guess both answers.

(answer) The other team must name both answers correctly:

- 1. His hands and feet were tied.
- 2. He ended up into the darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

11a. We are required to be perfect, but we just saw that we'll never be able to be 100% perfect. However, according to the criteria of the holy God, the Father of King Jesus, everyone really does have to be 100% holy to get in touch with him. On the Day of Atonement, the High Priest does intercessory prayer before the holy God, the Judge, to compensate that part of us that is still unholy and missing from our full holiness. Let's make this personal: how is it possible for you to reach 100% holiness?

(answer) If you on your side have done the utmost to be holy, you will receive the last percentages of holiness. Now you are perfect, holy.

12a. 1 Peter 2:9 says: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

After you have done everything to be holy and you've made everything in order what you had to make in order, then go and take this place, and make a row of perfect saints.

(answer) The team asking the question determines if the other team has done a good job.



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1b. In Matthew 22:11–14, King Jesus ends the parable as follows:

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are invited, but few are chosen."

So what do you have to do to be thrown right out again?

(answer) Nothing.

(comment) If you think, "the Lord will have to take me the way I am," you're wrong.

# 2b. If you are holy (sanctified) in the eyes of God the Father, what does the rest of your world think about it?

(answer) They'll think you're exaggerating your holiness, but you don't worry about that. (comment) Romans 12:2 says: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will."

# 3b. How quickly after you have been converted and allow God the Father to carry out His plan for your life, are you made holy?

(answer) Immediately.

(comment) This is what Hebrews 10:10 says: "And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

4b. The Bible names another important person for our holiness: the advocate. That is someone who on our behalf pleads and does intercessory prayer before God the Father for the salvation of man. For the Jews, this was done every year by the high priest on the Day of Atonement. Who is our High Priest and Advocate? (answer) King Jesus.

(comment) This is explained in Hebrews 6:20: "Where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

### 5b. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 says:

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.

The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

# What is it you basically do if you do not live holy?

(answer) You reject God the Father.

(comment) Then you live separated from Him and the Holy Spirit won't be able to work in and through you anymore.

# 6b. What can God the Father do about your unholiness?

(answer) Actually, nothing at all.



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# 7b. Why are these ten days so terrible?

(answer) It is during these ten days that you realize: if God the Father wouldn't accept us when we have remorse, then our future is wasted and our fate is unsure. You do not control if God the Father is willing to forgive you and continue another year with you. That decision is entirely up to him. So it really is a matter of life and death!



8b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Before the temple was destructed, one kid goat was slaughtered on the Day of Atonement. For the other kid goat, a ball of colored wool was attached to its horns, that was a symbol of our sins. It was then sent into the desert. So this was the scapegoat, our "escape goat". This depicts what is written in Psalm 103:12: "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions [sins] from us." Tradition tells us that the kid goat never came back from the desert, except one time: that was in the year King Jesus had died for our sins on the cross. The team asking the question will draw which color the ball of wool had, that was the symbol of our sins. The other team will try and guess this color. (answer) Red.



9b. In questions 1a and 1b we read the parable about the kingdom of heaven. People were invited from everywhere for a wedding banquet. Everyone came well-dressed, except for one man. The king asked him: 'Hey friend, how did you get in here without even wearing wedding clothes?' What was the man's response? Choose from the following answers:

- a. 'You'll just have to take me the way I am.'
- b. 'Hey, nobody is perfect.'
- c. He was perplexed and didn't know what to say.
- d. 'Well lord, I'm already inside so I might as well stay.'

(answer) The correct answer is "c. He was perplexed and didn't know what to say."

10b. In Matthew 5:48 (see question 2a), we are told to "be perfect". This command is especially given so you can stay inside the palace of your heavenly Father who is perfect. How can you measure your own holiness?

(answer) By self-examination.

(comment) For example, 1 Corinthians 11:28 says: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." And 2 Corinthians 13:5 says: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you —unless, of course, you fail the test?" At the banquet, it is the King himself who will eventually examine if you are holy enough.

11b. In questions 1a and 1b we read the parable of the man who was at the banquet, but was thrown out again. What should this man have done?

(answer) He should have tried his best to meet the king's requirement of holiness. (comment) Just like the priests in the temple, you have a daily cleaning ritual, you live doing good deeds, you do not take part in the uncleanness of the world, and you carefully carry out the assignments King Jesus has given you.

12b. Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) is the feast most suitable to remember your sanctification and to know that Jesus Christ, the High Priest, does intercessory prayer for us. What can you pray for with each other right now? (answer) Everyone's last amount of holiness; the second cleaning.