

The Doctrines of Grace

Evangelism and Gospel Clarity



PARTICULAR ATONEMENT
HEBREWS 10

Creation

God created everything and created man in His image.
(Gen 1)

Fall

Man sinned, separating himself from God and bringing death into the world.
(Gen 3, Rom 5)

Redemption

Jesus died to pay your sin debt and rose from the dead, our future hope!
(1 Peter 3:18, Rom 6:23)

The Gospel

New Creation

Jesus is making all things new (Romans 8:28-30, Rev. 21)



What is the Gospel?

"Gospel" means "Good News"

- Jesus died to pay your sin debt.
(1 Peter 2:24)
- Jesus rose from the dead, our future hope.
(1 Cor. 15)



Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

-1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Evangelism | Disciple Making



Particular Atonement

Jesus paid for the sins of the believing.



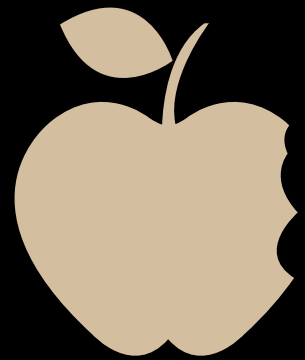
How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus
Christ and in His
substitutionary atoning
death on the cross.

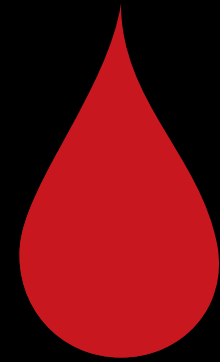
in Christ



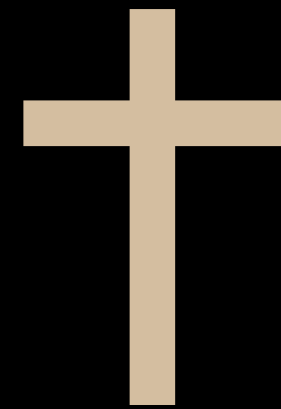
Atonement



Sin
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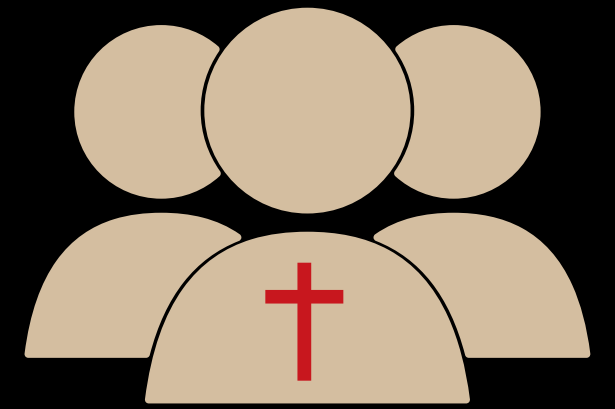


Atonement
Requires
a Blood
Payment



Atonement
is
Substitutionary

(Jesus takes the
penalty)



Atonement
is
Particular

(Only the
believing are
saved)

Atonement

“to make
payment,
amends or
reparations”

in Christ



Sin Necessitates Atonement

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23

3 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Atonement Requires Blood

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

Hebrews 9:22

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.



Atonement in the OT

- After the Adam and Eve sinned, God made coverings out of animal skins (Gen. 3:21)
- Only a blood sacrifice was acceptable when Cain and Able sacrificed (Gen. 4)
- Noah sacrifices clean animals to the Lord after the flood subsided (Gen. 8:20-22)
- Abraham was obeying God to sacrifice Isaac, though God stayed his hand and provided a substitute, a ram (Gen. 22)
- Jacob sacrificed (Gen. 31)
- When God gives the Law he outlines specific sacrifices for specific sins (Exodus, Leviticus)



Hebrews 10:1-4

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. 2

Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. 3 But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. 4 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.



Hebrews 10:5-7

5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,

but a body you prepared for me;

6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

7 Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—

I have come to do your will, my God.’”



Hebrews 10:8-10

8 First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. 9 Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 *And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*



Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,
And by His scourging we are healed.
All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed” (fulfilling Isaiah 53:5)



What Does Atonement Do?

- Jesus atonement takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29, 1 John 3:5)
- Christ died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3)
- His death is a propitiation (ἱλαστήριον) for our sin (Romans 3:25, 1 John 2:2, 4:10, Heb. 2:17)
- His blood/death redeems us which means to “buy back” (Ephesians 1:7)
- He makes purification for our sins (Heb. 1:3)
- He saves us from our sins (Matthew 1:21)
- His sacrifice puts away sin (Hebrews 9:26)
- He rescues us from the present evil age (Gal. 1:4)
- His blood released us from our sin (Rev. 1:5)

in Christ



1 Peter 3:18

“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.”



Atonement is Penal and Substitutionary

Penal(ty)

- The penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23)
- Jesus had to die to redeem us from the power and penalty of sin.

Substitutionary

- Jesus takes our place.
- The wrath of God for our sin is poured out on Him (2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24 fulfilling Isaiah 53:5).

Atonement

- God's wrath against our sin was satisfied (Rom. 5:8-9).
- We are restored back to God (Rom. 6:23, 1 John 2:1-6)

in Christ



2 Thes. 2:9-11

9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. *They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.* 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.



Atonement is Particular

- Not everyone will be saved.
- While Christ's death is powerful enough to save everyone, the payment is made for only the believing.

in Christ



John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

2 Corinthians 2:15

For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;



Particular Atonement: Implications



Confidence: For the believing, Christ has already paid my for our sin, all of our sin. We can rest in Christ! And, we can confidently proclaim the gospel, knowing that Christ is powerful to save.

Humility: Since we didn't pay for our sins, we can proclaim the gospel with gentleness and respect, knowing that on our own we would be no better than the lost. Further, we should obey God, since that is the natural response.

Boldness: Since no one can be saved without believing the gospel, we must faithfully proclaim the gospel in order that that people will have the chance to repent and believe the good news! (Romans 10:14-15)

I John 2:1-6

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Propitiation=restoring favor,
usually with a sacrifice
("atoning sacrifice")

