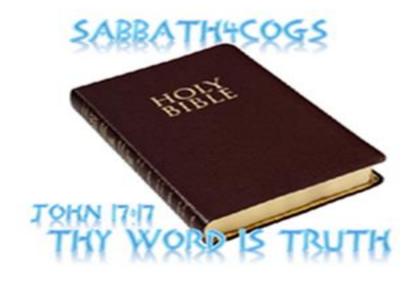
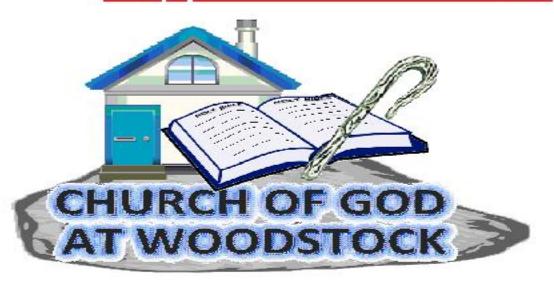
WELCOME!

Blessed

Atonement!







File Atonement

Through the symbolism of the two goats and the actions of the High Priest we understand the meaning of this very important holyday

REMOVAL AND FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS BY THE POWER OF CHRIST'S BLOOD!



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V 26 "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. 28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God."

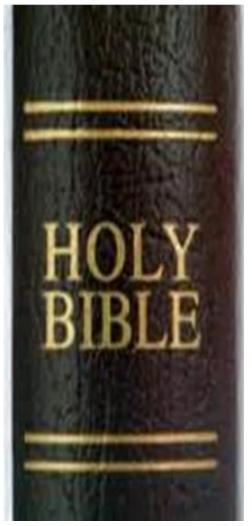
V 29 "For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. 30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people."

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31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.



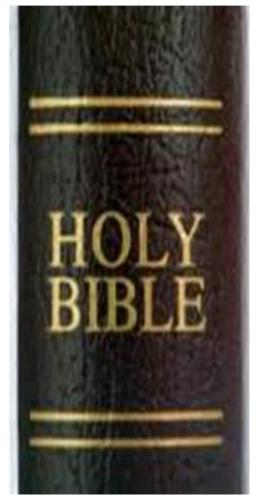




Psalms 35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

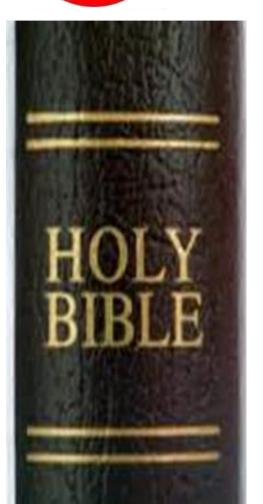






Ezra 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

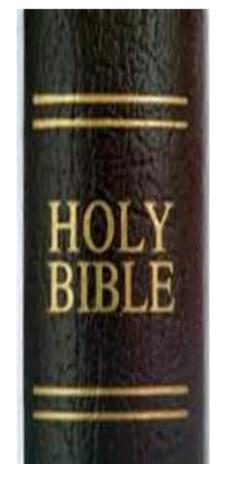






Isaiah 58:3 Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.







Matthew 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

James 4:7-10 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

File Atonement

He came,
He died for our sins,
We believe and are saved

Is this all you know? Is this all to know?



Why study the Atonement?

- The Atonement provided by Jesus on the cross was the most important event in all of history. (Romans 3:22-23)
- God had looked forward to the atonement for 4000 years. (Genesis 3:15)



- The entire Old Testament shadowed what God was planning for the Atonement. (Hebrews 9:6-10, 9:12-15)
- The primary reason Christ came to earth in human form was to provide for the Atonement. (John 12:27-32)
- If the true Gospel is not preached, the cross is meaningless (I Cor 1:17)
- How important do you think the Atonement is to God?



 What are we told is the requirement of salvation?

Romans 10:9-11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

• Acts 8:9-13

 Did Simon Magus fulfill these requirements?

 Would most ministers today believe that?

Acts 8:9-13 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Is there more to being saved than just believing, confessing, and being baptized?

Acts 8:18-24 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.



James 2:18-20 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

General Atonement Passages

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* **a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness **for the remission of sins that are past**, through the **forbearance of God**;

Hebrews 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Romans 5:11 And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

What is an Atonement?

a·tone·ment n.

Amends or reparation made for an injury or wrong; expiation.

- -- Reconciliation or an instance of reconciliation between God and humans.
- -- Atonement Christianity. The reconciliation of God and humans brought about by the redemptive life and death of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

Does it make sense to you?

ARE YOU ALSO BEWILDERED WHY GOD HAD TO SEND HIS SON TO DIE FOR OUR ATONEMENT?

Does God Desire Reconciliation? 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Christ Crucified

1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

What is the Gospel?

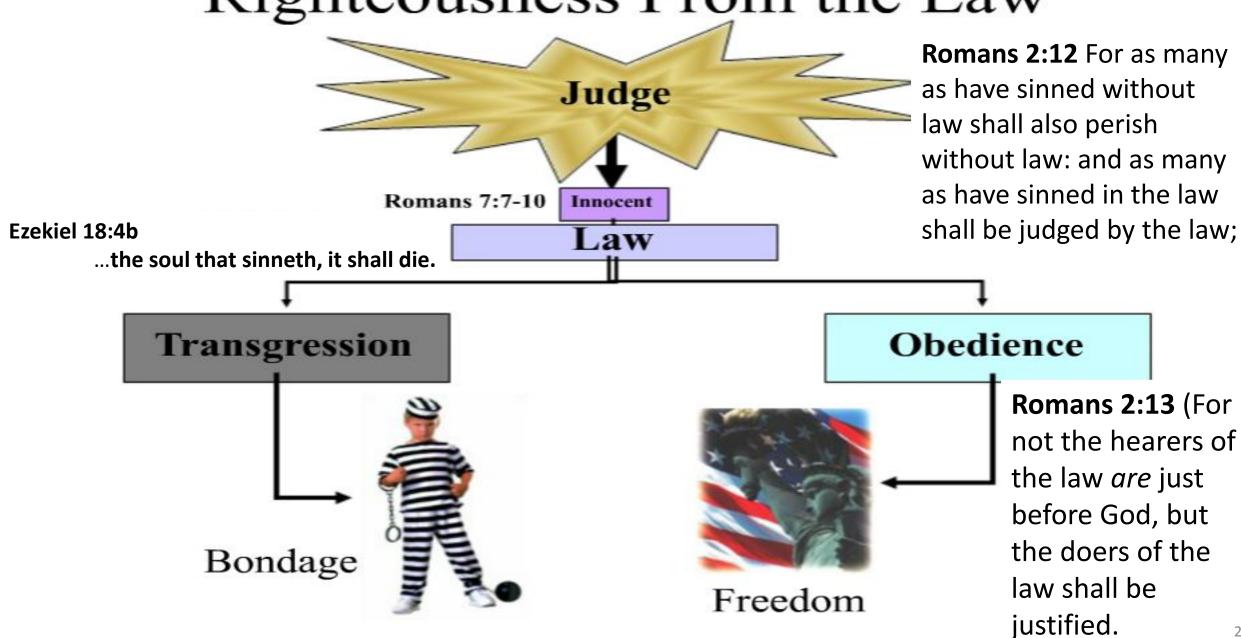
What happens if the message is altered?

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
 Galatians 3:1-2 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the

It appears understanding Christ crucified is a big deal?

works of the law, or by the **hearing of faith**?

Righteousness From the Law



What is an Atonement really?

- Earthly Government is without an atonement practice
 - Guilty people are punished
 - The guilty are not set free if an innocent person voluntarily decides to take the punishment or pay a fine
 - Society would not be served by letting law breakers free while punishing the innocent
 - Justice and society demands that there is law, and that crime carries an appropriate penalty
 - People believe that it is a good thing that society is protected from lawbreakers





Is it a good idea to pardon everyone in jail?

The Problems With Pardons

Earthly governments have thought it wise to separate the powers of justice and the power of pardon. Why?

What would you think if the Governor of your state pronounced a universal pardon for every criminal in the state?

Would society benefit from this generous act of mercy? Or would society suffer?

Would this send the message to society that they can now do anything they wish without fear of punishment?

Would the crime rate decrease or increase?

Would you feel any differently if the Governor only let out only a handful of really dangerous criminals?



Is the reason why the Governor will not pardon everyone, because he is hardhearted and unforgiving?



These issues MUST be answered in any valid Atonement

Common Pardon vs Atonement (biblical pardon 'lifting'):

Full Definition of *pardon*

1: indulgence

2: the excusing of an offense

without exacting a penalty

3 a: a release from the legal penalties of an offense b: an official warrant of remission of penalty

4: excuse or forgiveness for a fault, offense, or discourtesy

Definition of atonement

1 obsolete: reconciliation

2: the reconciliation of God and humankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ

3: reparation for an offense

or injury: satisfaction

Common Pardon vs Atonement (biblical pardon 'lifting'):

PARDON

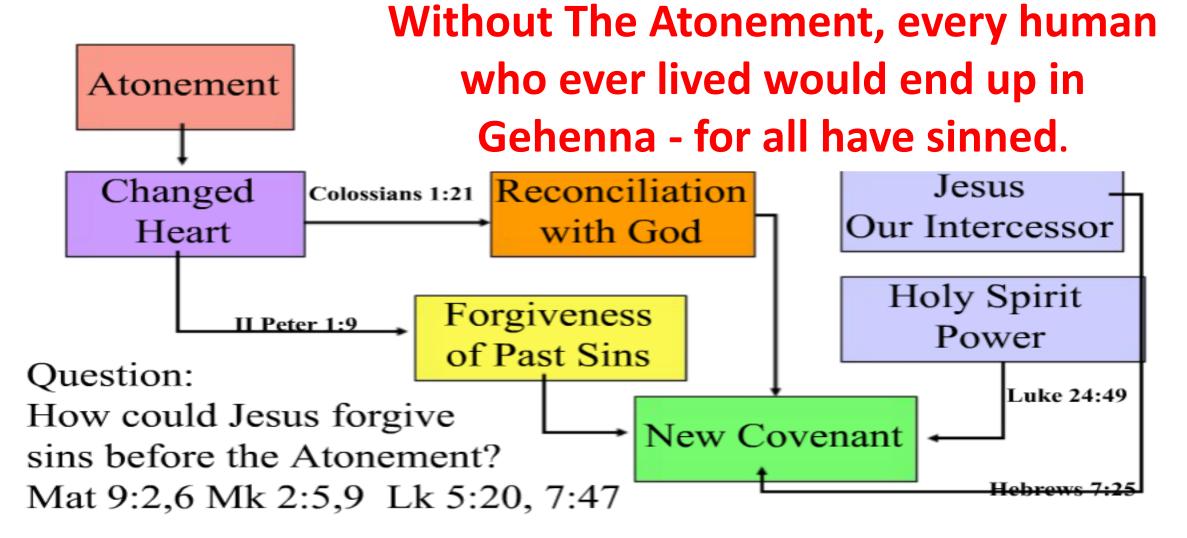
- It has been put in place to exercise mercy
- Society is put at risk
- Must be only used in a few select cases
- It's use lessens the moral influence of the law
- Does nothing to secure the future good behavior of the recipient
 Unlike a pardon.

ATONEMENT

- It has been put in place to exercise mercy
- Society is secure
- Can be universally applied to everyone
- It's use increases the moral influence of the law
- Does secure the future good behavior of the recipient

Unlike a pardon, an atonement must have the power to change lives and secure future compliance to the law

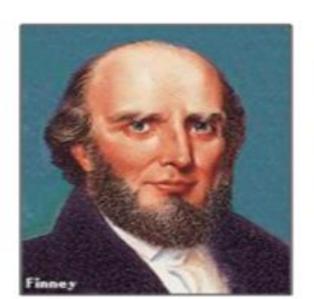
Atonement Basic Overview



If God could forgive without the cross, what's up?

Nothing is wanting to slay any and every form of sin, but for the mind to be fully baptized into the death of Christ, and to see the bearings of one's own sins upon the sufferings, and agonies, and death of the blessed Jesus.

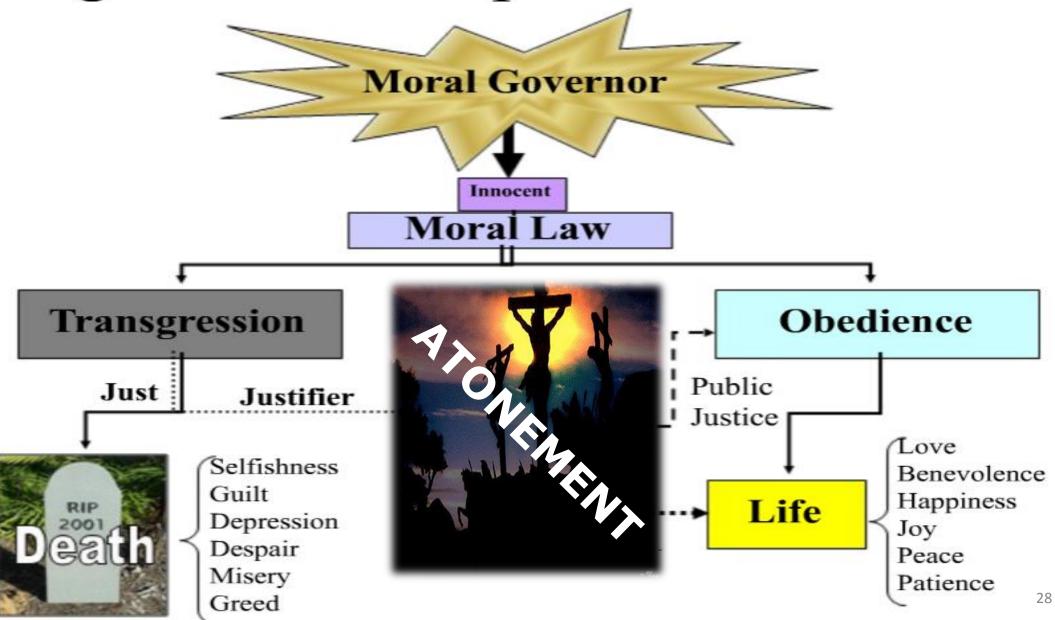
Charles G. Finney



From God's Word

Romans 3:21-26 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

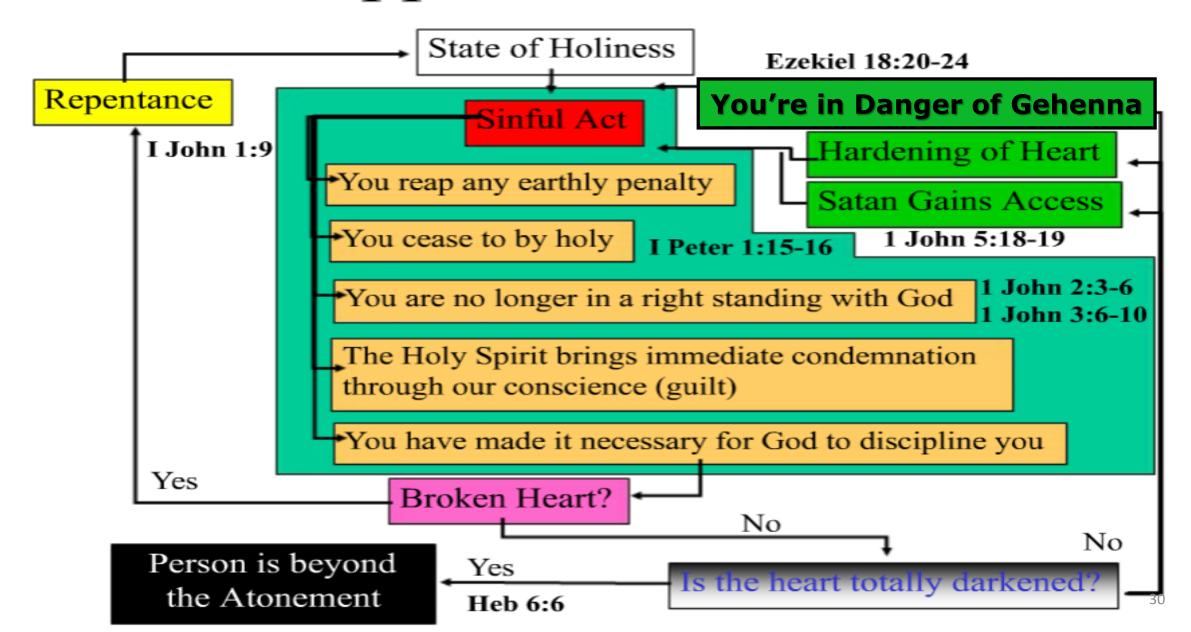
Righteousness Apart From the Law



Do you "lose" your salvation?

- This is the wrong question as we are saved from sinning. If we sin, then clearly we are not saved from it. (Romans 6)
- Say you have been pardoned and then commit a new crime. Will the
 judge not do anything because of the previous pardon, or will you be
 given the maximum sentence and you can forget about any chance of a
 new pardon. You have insulted the mercy of the court and you will get
 the maximum fine for your new offense (see Matthew 18:23-35)
- The real question is, do you remain a child of God.
 - Is this true to Scripture? I John 1:2-5, 3:7-10
 - Is this true to reason?
 - Is this true to life?

What Happens If a Christian Sins



What Happens If a Christian Sins

Psalm 94:12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Revelation 3:19-20 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Hebrews 12:7-11 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

WHY?

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Satisfaction of Justice

- Job 8:3 Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice? (said by Bildad the Shuhite)
- Psalm 89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
- Proverbs 21:3 To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- Jeremiah 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Satisfaction of Justice

Jesus paid for our sins in a legal sense – by satisfying the demands of the law of sin and death. All who trust in Christ, by faith, will be saved from God the Father's righteous judgment. All we need to do is trust in what Christ has done on the cross and be justified (made legally righteous before God) by faith alone in Christ alone.

- Rom. 3:28, "For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law."
- Rom. 4:3, "For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."
- Rom. 4:5, "But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness."
- Rom. 5:1, "therefore having **been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Gal. 3:8, "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the nations shall be blessed in you."

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Gal. 3:24, "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith."

Satisfaction of Justice

When we sin, we become judicially guilty, and a payment is required. To say that no payment is required is to say that Christ's glory really holds no value. Break something that's cheap and no one will care. Break something exquisite and precious, however, and its value is demonstrated – in part – in the fact that a payment is required.

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life; and the life was the light of men.**

Acts 3:13-15 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince (G747=Author) of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Blood of Atonement

- Deuteronomy 12:23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.
- Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon
 the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an
 atonement for the soul.
- Hebrews 10:1-4 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
- Hebrews 10:9-10 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Redemption By The Precious Blood

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have **redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his **grace**;

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with **the precious blood of Christ**, **as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

Romans 5:8-11 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being **now justified by his blood**, we shall be **saved from wrath** through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have **now received the atonement.**

Redemption By The Precious Blood

- Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the
 dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from
 our sins in his own blood,
- Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- **Hebrews 13:12** Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.
- **Colossians 1:20-23** And, having made **peace through the blood of his cross**, by him **to reconcile all things unto himself**; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet **now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death**, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Redemption By The Precious Blood

- 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- **Hebrews 9:14** How much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE ATONEMENT

Grounds of Atonement: God's Love

Did God demand payment?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 10:17-18 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Ezekiel 18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.



Is this not Love?

God was just in that he could not simply let sin go unpunished

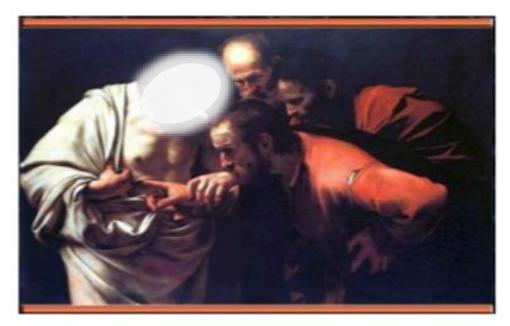
God upheld the Law by demonstrating that sin was monstrous and would not be tolerated in His kingdom

Jesus voluntarily suffered to place the love of God before our minds, so to humble us in such a way that we would refrain from further rebellion

Is this not Love?

THE ATONEMENT

- God demonstrated His love and mercy by freely providing an Atonement to all sinners
- The suffering Savior properly understood is sufficient to maintain our future submission to the Law of God [Matthew 5:17-20; Galatians 6:2]
- God can freely forgive anyone because: He has demonstrated that the Law will not be set aside simply due to mercy
- He has demonstrated that he is both merciful and just
- He has protected society by reforming sinners prior to their release
- He has shown his love and wisdom by sending Jesus and by reducing the amount of suffering that would have occurred by the Atonement



Can you any more doubt the love of God?

God had a legal need for an Atonement

THE ATONEMENT

- The only unlimited atonement model
- Does not promote universalism
- Grounds of salvation is God's love and mercy
- Sets aside strict justice (allows mercy)
- Only model that reduces the suffering in the universe by ...
- Requiring a voluntary change in the penitent recipient prior to/through conversion



The Function of the Holy Spirit

- The Atonement secures the future good behavior of the pardoned thereby eliminating concern of society
 - John 14:16, 26
 - John 15:26
 - John 16:7-16
 - I Thessalonians 1:4-5
- God Himself vouches for our future good behavior and he is responsible for our reformation
 - The cross in a ever present reminder
 - The Holy Spirit teaches us
 - The Holy Spirit can provide sufficient moral influence so that we will not sin again.



Job of the Holy Spirit

By Your Fruit You Will Be Known

- Romans 6:12
- Romans 6:16
- Romans 8:5
- I Peter 1:14-16
- I Peter 2:11
- I Peter 4:1-4
- Galatians 5:1,13
- Colossians 3:5-9
- James 2:14-24
- I John 2:1-7
- I John 3:3-10



Be careful how you live

Atonement Analogy

- Why does a person quit smoking?
 - They don't like it anymore
 - They like smoking but not the consequences of the behavior

Who will most likely be successful?

- Why does a person want to be saved?
 - They don't want to go on sinning
 - It dishonors God
 - It hurts others
 - It hurts themselves
 - They like sinning but not the consequences of the behavior

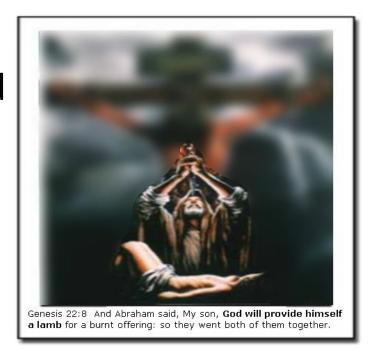


Estimating Value

- The true value of an object is determined solely on the price someone is willing to pay for it
 - What value does God place on a single soul?
 - How then should we treat one another?
 - What value do you place on God?
 - Are you willing to die for our Lord?
 - Are you willing to live for our Lord?

Unlimited Atonement Available

- The Atonement is limitless and available to anyone who desires it
- Jesus suffered for the sins of the world
- The Atonement decreased the suffering in this world that would have occurred if no Atonement was offered (if no Atonement then all guilty and unredeemable)
- The Atonement removed all governmental obstacles so that God could freely forgive
- Sins committed after salvation are not automatically covered. The violator of God's Law must repent and come back into submission to the Law



Picture If You Will ...

"Jesus was made a sin-offering for us. How beautiful this was illustrated under the Mosaic system! The victim was brought out to be slain; the blood was carried in and sprinkled on the mercy-seat. This mercy-seat was no other than the sacred cover or lid of the ark which contained the tables of the law, and other sacred memorials of God's ancient mercies. There they were, in that deep recess – within which none might enter on pain of death, save the High Priest, and he only once a year, on the great day of atonement.

On this eventful day, the sacred rites culminated to their highest solemnity. Two goats were brought forward, upon which the High Priest laid his hands, and confessed publicly his own sins and the sins of all the people. Then one was driven far away into the wilderness, to signify how God removes our sins far as the east is from the west; the other was slain and its blood borne by the high priest into the most holy place, and sprinkled there upon the mercy-seat beneath the cherubim.

Meanwhile, the vast congregation stood without, confessing their sins, and expecting remission only through the shedding of blood. It was as if the whole world had been standing around the base of Calvary, confessing their sins, while Jesus bore His cross to the summit, to hang thereon, and bleed and die for the sins of men. How fitting that, while Christ is dying, we should be confessing!"

-- CHARLES FINNEY

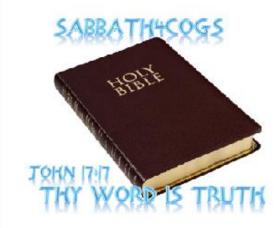
Summary

- The Atonement did not change God at all
- The Atonement changes us
- The Atonement was necessary for governmental reasons, not personal ones, satisfying the law/justice
- Sin cannot be tolerated in a Christian
- Our future sins are not covered at salvation
- We must repent to receive forgiveness of any sin pre- or post-salvation
- If we are converted (saved), but then begin to pursue a course of rebellion, we will receive chastisement.
- If we persist in sin, not accepting correction, we may commit the unpardonable sin being unable to find repentance. (Mark 3:28—29; 1Tim 1:18-20) The Atonement would not apply to us.

Jesus Christ is seen to have fulfilled all of the Biblical "types"—the High Priest who officiates at the ceremony, the Lord's goat that deals with the pollution of sin and the scapegoat that removes the "burden of sin". Christians believe that sinners who own their guilt and confess their sins, exercising faith and trust in the person and sacrifice of Jesus, are forgiven of their sins and empowered to not obey sin any longer.

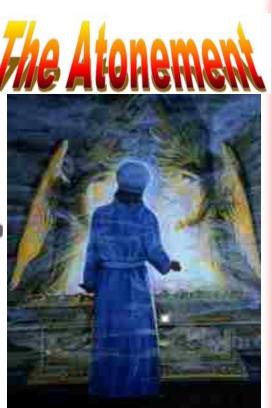












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