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## LESSON 35: JESUS, THE ATONEMENT

***Main Idea:** In the Doctrine of Penal Substitutionary Atonement Jesus Christ paid the penalty of our sins by dying in our place on the cross, fully absorbing God's holy wrath, fully covering the guilt of our sins, and fully cleansing us from the sin that separated us from God. It is the mystery of God's righteous holy love that necessitates Christ's atonement.*

### I. The Necessity of Christ's Atonement

#### A. The Nature and Character of God

1. God is Righteous (Isa. 5:16, Deut. 32:4, Isa. 30:18)
2. God is Holy (Lev. 11:44-45, Lev. 19:2, Isa. 6:2-3, 40:25, Hab. 1:13, Rev. 4:8)
3. God is Love (Exo. 34:5-7, John 3:16, Eph. 2:4, 1 Jn 4:8, 16)

#### B. The Nature and Character of Man

1. Man is Rebellious and Sinful (Neh. 9:26, Psa. 53:2-3, Rom. 3:23)
2. Debtors who cannot pay (Mch 6:6-7, Mt. 6:12, Col. 2:13-14, Rom. 8:12)
3. Enmity with God (Isa. 59:2, Eph. 2:14-16, Rom 5:10, 8:7, Col. 1:21)
4. Transgressors against God's law (Isa 24:5, Dan. 9:5, Jam. 2:9-11, 1 Jn. 3:4)
5. Slaves to sin (Jn 8:34, Rm. 6:6, 16-18)

#### C. The Decrees of God

1. Sin must be punished; a payment must be made (Rom. 6:23, Heb. 9:27)
  - a. Spiritual Death (Gen. 2:17, Eph. 2:1-5, 1 Jn. 5:12)
  - b. Physical Death (Gen. 5:5, 6:3, Rom. 6:23, Heb. 9:27)
  - c. Wrath of God (Jn. 3:36, Eph. 2:3, Rom. 1:18)
  - d. Second Death (Rev. 19:14)
2. God determined to save many (Eph. 2:8-10, Rev. 13:8, 20:15)

### II. The Foreshadowing of Christ's Atonement

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| A. The Garment (Gen. 3:21)        | F. The Speak (Num. 25:6-13)                       |
| B. The Lamb (Exo. 12:3-13)        | G. The Suffering Servant (Isa. 52-53)             |
| C. The Rock (Exo. 17:5-6)         | H. The Lamb of God (Jn. 1:29)                     |
| D. The Goats (Lev. 16:7-22)       | I. The Cup of Blood (Mt. 26:28, 1 Cor. 11:25-26)  |
| E. The Bronze Snake (Num. 21:4-9) | J. The Cup of Wrath (Mk 10:38, 14:36, Rev. 14:10) |

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## III. The Language of Christ's Atonement and Roles

- A. Temple/Blood (Jn. 3:16, Isa. 53:10, Jn 10:17-18, Heb. 9:26)
- B. Market Place/Redemption (Lk. 1:68, Jn. 8:36, Eph. 1:7)
- C. Prison/Ransom (Ps. 49:15, Mk. 10:45, 1 Tim. 2:6, 1 Cor. 6:20)
- D. Relational/Reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18, Eph. 2:13-18, Rom. 5:1, Col. 1:20, 1 Tim 2:5)
- E. Moral/Propitiation (Gal. 3:13, Heb. 2:17, Rm. 3:25, 1 Jn. 2:2, 4:10)
- F. Legal/Justification (Rm. 3:26, 5:9, 8:33)
- G. Militaristic/Victory (1 Cor. 15:57, Rm. 8:31-32, Jn. 16:33, Phil. 2:9-11)
- H. Familial/Adoption (Eph. 1:5, Gal. 4:4-6, Rm.8:12-17)

## IV. Christ's Qualifications of Atonement

- A. Old Testament Atonement qualifications (Ex. 12:5, 12:46, 21:28-30)
- B. Jesus' Qualifications (Lk. 1:35, 1 Pet 1:18, Jn. 19:36, 1 Cor. 5:7-8, Jn. 10:17-18, Phi. 2:9-11)

## V. The Nature of Christ's Atonement

- A. Penal (Isa. 53:5, 1 Pet. 2:24)
- B. Substitutionary (Isa. 53:12, Jn. 1:29, 2 Cor. 5:21)
- C. Once For All (Heb. 7:27, 9:26, 10:10, 10:14, 1 Pet. 3:18)

## VI. The Cost of Christ's Atonement

- A. Humiliation (John 1:14, Phi. 2:6-8, 2 Cor. 8:9, Heb. 2:14-18)
- B. Temptation and Suffering (Isa. 53:3, Mk. 1:12, Mt. 4:1-11, Mk. 14:33-34, Jn. 11:35)
- C. Pain of physical penal punishment (Isa. 53:5, Mk. 15:16-24, Mt. 27:27-35, Lk. 22:63, 23:33 Jn 19:1-3, 16-18)
- D. Pain of Bearing Sin (Isa. 53:6, 12, Jn. 1:29, 2 Cor. 5:21, Gal. 3:13, Heb. 9:28, 1 Pet. 2:24)
- E. Pain of Abandonment (Mk. 14:36, Mt. 26:56, 27:46, Mk. 15:34, Ps. 22)
- F. Pain of Bearing God's Wrath (Rom. 3:25, Heb. 2:17, 1 John 2:2, 4:10, Mk. 15:33)

## VII. Application of Christ's Atonement

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| A. Memorize the Gospel | D. Review Testimony           |
| B. Pray the Gospel     | E. Study the Gospel           |
| C. Sing the Gospel     | F. Build Gospel Relationships |

***Final encouragement: we are fully atoned for (it is finished!), we cannot add to Christ's atonement (it is paid in full!), and we can have full assurance in Christ's atonement (it was accepted by God!)***