

ATONEMENT & PROPITIATION

A SERIES ON SALVATION DETAILS

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

- Romans 5:11

1. Atonement Definition

- a. *Def.* ~ Satisfaction for sins through a just sacrifice/suffering
- b. Atonement is the condition, propitiation is the required sacrifice.
- c. Propitiation *def.* ~ The sacrifice made for atonement
- d. There is a positive and negative side to atonement / satisfaction vs. suffering

2. Sin Requires Atonement

- a. Adam did not need atonement before sin
- b. Sin is an offense against God – Psalm 51:4 (Gen 9:6)
- c. The vengeance of God is just because of the offense of man - Nahum 1:2-3
- d. Atonement is needed for sin – Num 16:41-48
- e. Atonement washes the filth away - Isa 1:18, 4:4
- f. Question: Who can atone? What is the sacrifice? Who can pay it?

3. Atonement and Christianity

- a. The world knows the need to avenge, for justice, and retribution
- b. Atonement satisfies justice - Psa 58:10-11
- c. Atonement in Christ vs. self-atonement (substitution vs. personal) – Prov 20:9

4. Atonement Through the Bible

- a. God's atonement needed for every man, but it is offered differently (progressive)
- b. Adam: Blood sacrifice – Gen 3:21, 4:3-4
- c. Moses: Priestly sacrifice – Lev 17:11, 16:15-17, 23:27-28
- d. Prophets: Isa 53:5, 10-11, Jer 33:8
- e. Jesus: Sinless sacrifice for the repentant – John 1:28, 10:15, Mat 20:28
- f. Peter: Christ (suffering) + commandments – Heb 10:5, 1 John 2 & 4
- g. Paul: Christ alone - Present atonement through faith in his blood – Rom 3:25, 5:11

5. Atonement and Salvation

- a. It makes forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation, justification, sanctification possible
- b. Christ's atonement washes sins away, covers iniquity, and blots out transgressions
- c. Peter's waiting for future blotting – Acts 3:19
- d. He was made sin for us – 2 Cor 5:21