

ATONEMENT MECHANICS

HOW ATONEMENT WORKS TOWARD SALVATION

*"...we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom we have now received the atonement."*

~ Romans 5:11

1. Salvation vs. Atonement

- a. Salvation is simple to receive (faith), but its depth teaches the wisdom & grace of God
- b. 'Salvation' is the whole package, 'atonement' is one part. (*Car vs. engine*)
- c. What is atonement? How does it work? (*Crankshaft, rods, pistons, spark plugs, etc.*)
- d. Salvation (confusion) starts with atonement (*ransom, limited, application, universalism*)

2. Atonement's Function

- a. Atonement *Def.*~ Satisfaction for sins through a just sacrifice/suffering
- b. Atonement refers to the sacrifice, blood, death, cross of Christ. (← no small part)
- c. Atonement washes sins away, covers iniquity, blots out transgressions, pays the penalty
- d. Atonement washes the filth away, cleans/purges impurity - Isa 1:18, 4:4, Jer 33:8
- e. It makes forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation, justification, sanctification possible

3. Atonement Mechanics

- a. Sin is an offense against God, his vengeance is just - Psa 51:2,4, Nah 1:2-3
- b. The punishment problem of sin: guilt/offense/wrath – justice needs appeased/satisfied.
- c. There is a positive and negative side to atonement / satisfaction vs. suffering
- d. Man must provide atonement to God - Eze 18:20, Jer 31:30, Heb 5:1,10:1-4
- e. Adam did not need atonement (or salvation) before sin - Rom 5:11-12, Prov 20:9
- f. No man could offer a sufficient sacrifice for sin, so God in Christ did the work-Rom 5:19
- g. The wages of sin is death, the gift of God is through Jesus Christ - Rom 6:23

4. Atonement Components

- a. Propitiation *def.*~ The sacrifice made for atonement. Lev 4:27-31, Rom 3:25
- b. Expiation *def.*~ The means by which atonement is made. Lev 17:11, Ro 3:25, Act 20:28
- c. Equity *def.*~ The right and fair demand of justice. What is paid (not \$\$ but life) Ro 3:23
- d. Ransom *~def.* The redemption price to release from bondage and restored to liberty
- e. Efficacy *~def.* Effectual, the power to produce the effects (salvation/satisfaction).

5. Atonement that Saves

- a. Atonement is a substitute - Lev 1:4, Exo 12:11
- b. Mediation to appease the wrath of God - Num 16:41-48
- c. Application to men by faith in the representation of Christ - Lev 23:27-31
- d. Jesus Christ was made sin for us; he is our atonement - 2 Cor 5:21
- e. Atonement extent was worldwide (1 John 2:2), but only upon all that believe Rom 3:22
- f. In Christ, through faith in his blood, we find our atonement. 1Cor 2:2,10:16, Co 1:14,20