

Atonement and Every Sin of Your Past Life

By: Dan Jenkins

There are several words used to describe our relationship to God and all that happened the day we were saved. Words like salvation, redemption, forgiveness, sanctification, and perhaps others which the Bible uses to indicate all that changed on that day. Each of these emphasize what transpired at the time when we were washed in His blood. Another word that is used is atonement, and it emphasizes that which those other words do not express. As you will see in this article, the word atonement indicates that removal of the anger of God toward sin and toward sinners.

David said, “God is angry with the wicked every day” ([Psa. 7:11](#)). When we have been wronged by others, we are often greatly upset, but after time passes our anger may subside. Not only are we angry, but so is God. The difference is that God’s anger is not forgotten over time. He is angry every day. He is as angry every day like we both were angry when it first happened. How can His anger be appeased? What can sinful man do to remove that anger? The answer is that His wrath can be assuaged by an atoning sacrifice that will deal with His response especially to our sin.

In the Old Testament, sin offerings were made at the temple every day as an atonement for sin. God said, “You shall offer a bull every day as a sin offering for atonement” ([Ex. 29:36](#)). Every year on the tenth day of the seventh month, there was a vital part of the Jews’ relationship with God when on that day the

high priest went inside the Most Holy Place to offer an atoning sacrifice of blood. “And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns (the horns of the altar,) once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement” ([Ex. 30:10](#)).

God was so angry at the sin involving the golden calf that He was about to destroy all the Jews, had it not been for Moses who said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sins” ([Ex. 32:30](#)). Atonement removes His anger.

Space forbids giving all the details showing atonement from the sins of Korah, Dathan and Abriam ([Num. 16:46](#)) or in what Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, did to atone for the shameful sin brought into Israel on the advice of Balaam, the false prophet ([Num. 25:1-13](#)). If you do not know the details of these two incidents, you will not understand atonement.

Thanks be to our God! The blood of bulls and goats brought only temporary atonement, but the blood of the Lamb brings our complete and eternal atonement. He is not angry even one day for our sins. He does not even remember them!

The Truth About Jesus (Part 5 of 7): The Great Proclamation

By: Selected

The truth of Jesus Christ transforms us as it is certain, supreme, clear and relevant to our lives (1 Tim. 3:16a). In this verse, the Holy Spirit emphasizes six pivotal elements of this truth to help us appreciate the magnitude of Jesus Christ and His plan for us, including the great incarnation, the great vindication and the great exaltation.

Fourth, Paul emphasizes the great PROCLAMATION: “He was preached among the nations.”

As we wrap our minds around the amazing truth of Jesus Christ, consider these points.

The truth of the gospel is to be preached everywhere. Jesus commanded to “Go into all the world and preach” (Mark 16:15), and the first-century Christians did just that. Just 30 years later, Paul affirmed that “the word of the truth of the gospel” was taken to “all the world” (Col. 1:6, 23). Those early believers “went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4).

The truth of the gospel is to be preached universally, to every person. This may seem redundant with the previous point, but the emphasis here is on the impartiality of the truth of Christ for every single person on the earth. God foretold that His plan was for “*all nations*” (Isa. 2:2; 42:1; 60:3). “*Every creature*” needs to hear the gospel (Mark 16:15), for God “desires *all men* to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). Our “God shows no partiality,” and He accepts “*every*” person who “fears Him and works righteousness” (Acts 10:34-35). Truly, “the blessed gospel is for all!”

The truth of the gospel is desperately needed by every person. The reason that the gospel needs to go to every soul is because

every soul is lost without it! The “gospel” alone is “the power of God to salvation” (Rom. 1:16). Every accountable individual needs to know of their condition without Christ (Eph. 2:1-3) and to know of the “great love” that sent the Savior to die for us (Eph. 2:4-7; Rom. 5:8-9). The world is dying without the gospel!

The proclamation of the truth of the gospel cost many their lives in preaching it. Persecution against gospel-preaching Christians began quickly, and it was not long before faithful proclaimers of Jesus Christ lost their lives (Acts 7:57-60; 12:1-4). History would record many other souls who were “slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held” (Rev. 6:9). The devil fights against the truth of Christ, which shows how valid, certain, relevant and needed it really is.

This indisputable truth ought to transform our lives toward godliness! As the Lord’s church, we are “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15). We must know it! We must teach it! We must defend it!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 4: Monthly youth devo at the Jobs home at 6pm. Boys bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

Sunday, October 5: Monthly Potluck luncheon after morning services. Please bring a dish/ dessert to share and there will be a 12:45pm afternoon service to follow.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Jerri Rosales who received a new kidney last week.

Benny Horton and family on the passing of their nephew Bob who recently had a heart attack.

Elana Carroll who recently lost her job and is searching for a new one.

Joyce Faires’ granddaughter who is at San Antonio Children’s Hospital. She is 18 months old.

Allen Clifton who is still having health problems.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Jerry FitzSimmons, James Hicks, and Veronica Serenil.

Service Roster

Week of September 28, 2025

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Will Burleson
Song LeaderJack Jobs

Opening Prayer.....Kirk FitzSimmons
Closing Prayer..... Mark FitzSimmons

Lord’s Supper & Offering

Bread..... Doug Jobs
Cup.....James Cammock
Offering..... Ron White
Assist..... Clifton Rutherford
Assist..... Ferman Rosales
Assist..... Steve Randle

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Doug Jobs

Opening Prayer..... Benny Horton
Closing Prayer.....Bryant Siegel

Lord’s Supper & Offering.....Steve Randle/
Clifton Rutherford

Wednesday Evening

Adult ClassCody McCoy
Song LeaderJack Jobs
DevotionalJames Cammock

Other

Prepare Communion for Oct.....

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Mack Terry.....Sept. 30
Tamyra Carroll.....Oct. 1
Joyce Faires.....Oct. 2

Please pick up an address label for Nancy Fortenberry, her email has changed.

Please sign up to open/close the building, prepare communion, and host youth devos for the remaining months of 2025. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men's Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

For through Him we both have access by one
Spirit to the Father.
Ephesians 2:18

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of September 21, 2025

A.M. Bible Class.....74
A.M. Worship.....94
P.M. Worship.....58
Wednesday Worship.....64

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