

## What Did Christ Do? Lesson 1 – The Cause and Necessity of the Atonement

### Introduction:

***Matt 1.21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

- The atonement is the work Christ did in His life and death to earn our salvation

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of atonement

#### A. Atonement \_\_\_\_\_ God for the wrong we’ve done.

***Gal 3.13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”*

#### B. Atonement \_\_\_\_\_ the offense that we’ve committed against God.

***Col 2.13–14** And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having **forgiven us all our trespasses**, 14 by **canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside**, nailing it to the cross.*

#### C. Atonement \_\_\_\_\_ us back to the God we’ve offended.

***Col 1.21–22** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now **reconciled** in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,*

#### D. Atonement \_\_\_\_\_ our disrupted relationship with God.

***Col 1.19–20** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace** by the blood of his cross.*

***Rom 5.1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the atonement

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

**John 3.16** For God so **loved** the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**1 John 4.8b** because **God is love**.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- The \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins has to be paid.

**Rom 3.25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. **This was to show God's righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

- God carried out the punishment of our sins upon Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

**Rom 3.26** It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the atonement

A. The atonement was not \_\_\_\_\_ necessary.

- God did not have to save \_\_\_\_\_ people at all!
- God could have left us all to our condemnation just like He did the \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Pet 2.4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

B. The atonement was necessary if God was going to \_\_\_\_\_ any sinners.

**Matt 26.39b** "My Father, **if it be possible**, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

- This prayer shows that it was not possible for Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ death on the cross.

**Luke 24.25–26** And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?**"

- God knew that there was only one way to fully pay the infinite \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

- He had to \_\_\_\_\_ a satisfactory substitute.

**Heb 10.4** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

**Rom 3.25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, **because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.**

**Heb 10.11** And every priest stands daily at his service, **offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.**

**Heb 9.23** Thus it was **necessary** for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with **better sacrifices** than these.

- He had to \_\_\_\_\_ His infinitely holy Son.

**1 Pet 1.18–19** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb **without blemish or spot.**

**Heb 2.17** Therefore he **had** to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

- So He could \_\_\_\_\_ His infinitely sinful creatures.

**Heb 9.26b** But as it is, he has appeared **once for all** at the end of the ages to put away sin **by the sacrifice of himself.**

**Heb 9.12** he entered **once for all** into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, **thus securing an eternal redemption.**

- His death on the cross was so sufficient that it atoned for all the sins that God's people committed \_\_\_\_\_ His death as well as those committed \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**Heb 9.15** Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that **redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.**

**Gal 4.4–5** *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to **redeem those who were under the law**, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

- **Jesus had to become a man to \_\_\_\_\_ with us in our temptations, and \_\_\_\_\_ our punishment.**
  - **There was no \_\_\_\_\_ way to atone for our sins.**
  - **There was no \_\_\_\_\_ way to show us God’s love.**

**1 John 4.10** *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

### **Conclusion:**

- **We should be \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to obedience by the love of Christ.**

**2 Cor 5.14–15** *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might **no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.***