

What do Christians Believe about Christ's Atonement

Notes

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The Faith DVD series- Session 2
Romans 8:1-3

Putting in place the Atonement:

Step one: God speaks and flings the universe into existence...

Step two: God removes human beings from the garden

Step three: God moves forward with a plan of redemption: The Atonement.
Atone means to make up for, to pay for a wrong-doing. He makes a covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12)

The Atonement Template: Abraham's Sacrifice

A template is a pattern, a blue print, a mock-up of the real thing. As such it is not fleshed out, but it gives the shape of the perfect version to come.

Genesis 22:1-25- God calls Abraham to sacrifice his son.

Important Elements:

- Obedience to God's Word
- Sacrifice is needed
- A most precious Son will be sacrificed... but not your son.
- A substitution is made... to Abraham's great benefit
- God provides the Lamb

Finer Details of the Atonement Template: The Law

An example:

Leviticus 4:1-3 "The Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites: When anyone sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord's commands... bringing guilt... he must bring a sin offering for the sin he has committed."

The Day of Atonement: Leviticus 23:26-32

Important Elements:

- Humans have a problem with obedience.
- Atonement for sin is provided for
- Precious life must be offered regularly- Temple sacrifices begin

Further Details of the Atonement: The Prophets

- Sin is ugly. *“I hate, I despise your religious feasts, I cannot stand your assemblies. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings I will not accept them.” Amos 5:21-22*
- Judgement and punishment are just. *“I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. ‘The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.’” Amos 7:8-9*
- God will restore them. *“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord... ‘when I will bring back my exiled people Israel. They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them... I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,’ says the Lord your God.” Amos 9:13-15*
- God will provide a Savior. *“I am going to bring my servant, the Branch... and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.” Zechariah 3:8-9*
- God’s messenger will be a suffering servant. *“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our sins; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5*

Boom! The Atonement in Living Color!

The Last piece falls into place...

*“When the time was right, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons....”
Galatians 4:4-5*

“Pilate handed him over to be crucified.” John 19:16

“At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:6, 8

*“The angel said to the women... ‘He is not here; he has risen just as he said.’”
Matthew 28:6*