



ATONEMENT

1. **Definition**

- To cover over
- To make atonement (reconciliation) for – at one with

2. **The explanation of atonement**

- God is so holy and sin so severe that the only way God and man could communicate was through atonement
- The Old Testament atonement was instructed by God in Lev 23:27
- This is where God would cover the sin of the nation for one year
- The New Testament atonement is different because Jesus came as God's son to not cover sin but reconcile once and for all God with man
- While the work of Atonement, which includes the bearing of sin, is the work of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit - I Jhn 3:16; 4:10; Heb 9:14
- Jesus left Heaven's glory, and "took upon Himself the form of a Servant, and was made in the likeness of man, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross" – Phil 2:5-8
- There is no explanation of the Atonement apart from the fact that the eternal Son of God, without spot or blemish, Who knew no sin and did not sin, was made to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him – 2 Cor 5:21
- As His Blood was shed upon the Cross, a merciful and loving God was able to cleanse and pardon guilty sinners, because the Divine Substitute took upon Himself the penalty for sin. God hates and punishes sin, but He loves the sinner, and in order to redeem those whom He loved, "the LORD laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all" - Is 53:6
- Christ came into this world in order that He should die in the sinner's place.

3. **The extent of this atonement**

- It is for every human being – 1 Jhn 2:2, 1 Tim 2:5-6, Jhn 3:16, Tit 2:11

4. **The effects of this atonement**

- Sanctification – 1 Jhn 3:5
- Propitiation – 1 Jhn 4:10
- Substitution – Jhn 10:15
- Reconciliation – Rom 5:10

5. **Summary**

Christ came for this reason