

The Atonement

Hopefully all of you are feeling well! In our household everyone is doing fine. We are loving the gorgeous weather! So, with Easter almost here, I figured we would talk about the atonement this week. The atonement can be defined as the work that Christ did in his life and death to earn our salvation. As we have talked about in the past, it was all Christ. He is the only reason that we are saved. It is nothing that we can, have, or will do. Salvation is only because of the love of the Father as the major verse of John 3:16 says. The next big question that is usually asked is was it absolutely necessary for Christ to die? If we have a loving, sovereign God, why would He make it that somebody had to die to save us all? We have to start this answer with the fact that it was not necessary for God to save us at all! Look at 2nd Peter 2:4. God did not have to save us; He chose to save us. So that creates another question; if God chose to save us, how can a completely Holy God save depraved sinners like us? That is where the atonement comes in. This week is not an exhaustive look at the atonement, it merely scratches the surface, but it is important to look and meditate on.

So, like last week, I am going to be putting verses and questions for each day for you guys to work through and I will be sending you the answers in a week.

Day 1, Romans 3:23-26

What is the problem we see in vs 23?

In order to understand these verses, you have to understand certain words. Find the definition of each of these words:

1 justification-

2 grace-

3-propitiation

How are we saved?

Give a quick overview of what these verses are saying.

Day 2

Hebrews 10:11-14

What are these verses saying?

How many times did Christ have to die? Why is that of any importance to note?

What did Christ die for?

What is He waiting for?

What does it mean by being sanctified?

Day 3

1st John 1:5-2:6

Can we continue living the same life as we did before we knew Christ?

What cleanses us? How do we get this cleansing?

Who all has sinned?

What does it mean when he says he is the propitiation of our sins?

Day 4

2nd Corinthians 5:16-21

What are we when we are in Christ?

What is reconciliation? On what basis is Christ able to reconcile us?

What does it mean to be reconciled to Christ.

Who can we have fellowship with because of this reconciliation?

Day 5

1st Peter 2:24-25

Can we save ourselves?

Do we have any hope without Christ?

How are we healed?

Like I said earlier, this is in no way an exhaustive look at the atonement. It merely scratches the surface. My hope and prayer for you guys is to study this on your own and dig a little deeper. You don't need to share your answers, my challenge for you is to just study it and really think about Jesus's sacrifice for us especially during this Easter week.

I hope you all have a great week, and I will send another letter out to you next week. Please call, text, or email me if you have any questions about this or if you just would like to talk!

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In Christ,

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