

## The Atonement

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Atonement: The work of Christ in his life and death to earn our

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Atonement
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ ([John 3:16](#))
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ ([Romans 3:25-26](#))
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Atonement ([Matthew 26:39](#); [Luke 24:25-26](#))
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Atonement
  - A. Christ's obedience for us (\_\_\_\_\_ obedience) ([1 Corinthians 1:30](#); [Matthew 3:15](#))
  - B. Christ's sufferings for us (\_\_\_\_\_ obedience) ([Isaiah 53:3](#))
    - i. The Events leading to his \_\_\_\_\_ ([Matthew 26:38](#))
    - ii. The \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. Bearing the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#))
    - iv. Abandoned to suffer and die \_\_\_\_\_. ([Matthew 27:46](#))
    - v. Facing the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ([Romans 3:25](#); [Galatians 3:13](#); [Matthew 26:39](#))
4. Christ's death met the four needs that we have as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. We deserve death for our sins. Christ died as a sacrifice for us. (\_\_\_\_\_) ([Hebrews 9:26](#))
  - B. We deserve to bear God's wrath. Christ bore and removed God's wrath against us. (\_\_\_\_\_) ([1 John 4:10](#))
  - C. Sin separated us from God. Christ brought us back into fellowship with God. (\_\_\_\_\_) ([2 Corinthians 5:18-19](#))
  - D. We were in bondage to sin. Christ ransomed us from bondage. (\_\_\_\_\_) ([Mark 10:45](#))
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Atonement  
\_\_\_\_\_ atonement - God (not us) foreknew who would accept Christ's atonement for their sins. Christ's atonement, while being a legitimate offer for all, will only be accepted by the elect. ([Romans 5:8](#); [John 10:11](#); [John 6:37-39](#))  
\_\_\_\_\_ atonement - Christ's atonement paid for the sins of all the people who ever lived. ([John 1:29](#); [2 Corinthians 5:19](#); [1 Timothy 2:6](#))

### Helpful points of consideration

- i. Not \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved.
- ii. The offer of \_\_\_\_\_ is made to every person ever born.
- iii. Christ's death has \_\_\_\_\_ merit and is \_\_\_\_\_ to pay the penalty of sin for as many or as few as the Father decreed.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Which aspect of God's character—love or justice—do you personally find harder to reconcile with the cross? Why?
2. If God is all-powerful, why was it “necessary” for Jesus to die instead of God choosing another way?
3. Why is Christ's *life of obedience* (active obedience) just as important as his death (passive obedience) for our salvation?
4. What stands out to you most when reflecting on the physical, emotional, and spiritual sufferings of Christ on the cross?
5. Do you lean more toward *particular atonement* or *general atonement*? Why?
6. How can believers hold strong theological convictions about the extent of the atonement while still prioritizing evangelism and the Great Commission?
7. How does reflecting on the atonement change the way you live day-to-day—as a disciple, in your relationships, or in your mission to share the gospel?