

The Atonement

“Redemption Accomplished”

The Nature of the Atonement

Cause/Source/Motivation

- The Love of God. (John 3:16, Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:10)
- The Justice of God (Ex. 34:6; Rom. 3:26; Heb. 2:17)

Perfection (1 Pet. 1:19; Heb. 9:25-26; 10:1ff)

Scriptural Categories¹

- Sacrifice (1 Cor. 15:3; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 5:25; Heb. 8:3)
- Obedience (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 10:7)
- Substitution (Is. 53:4-12; 1 Pet. 2:24)
- Propitiation (1 John 2:2; Rom. 3:23-26; Heb. 2:17)
- Reconciliation (Rom. 5:10-11; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; Col. 1:20-22)
- Redemption (1 Cor. 6:20; Gal. 3:13; Eph. 1:7)
- Conquest (Gen. 3:15; 1 John 3:8; Col. 2:15)

The Necessity of the Atonement

- Character of God - “...will by no means clear the guilty” (Ex. 34:6)
- Condition of Man – “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23)
- Sin’s Punishment – “For the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23)

Penal Substitutionary Atonement

- “Christ died in the place of sinners, taking upon himself the penalty and punishment they deserved.”
– Schreiner

Other Theories of the Atonement

- Ransom
- Moral Influence
- Example

For Further Reading:

- John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1955.)
- Tom Schreiner, *Substitutionary Atonement* (TGC Essay)

¹ Common Categories summarized from Letham, *The Work of Christ*, 127 – 152 and MacArthur and Mayhue, *The Nature of the Atonement* in *Bible Doctrine*, 519 – 535.