

## Atonement

Easter Sunday March 27, 2016

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He GAVE His only Son  
For Jesus so loved the world that He willingly obeyed, He willingly walked Calvary's road...  
The reason for the sacrifice...His love!  
The cause of the sacrifice...our sin!

We have all heard the story of Adam and Eve...Gen. 3:1-  
And man was cast out of the garden; relationship with God was broken.  
Man had to hide, *cover* himself

The "first Adam"

Rom 5:12 through one man, *sin* entered

SIN      the basic problem of humanity  
Failing to give God His rightful place in our lives / missing the mark

Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned...

The entire Bible points us to God's plan to redeem man, His plan to restore relationship, to "save" us from the consequences of our sin....

God is holy! He is righteous and just! He can't abide sin or be in relationship with it...  
God is love! God is gracious and merciful! He can't stand being separated from us...

Jesus – the answer to this dilemma; the only place where God's holiness and wrath meet God's grace and love

All have sinned. The wages of sin is death. Therefore we (sinners) must die or God is not just and holy.  
God begins to give us a glimpse of His plan in the OT...

### ATONEMENT

At one ment      God and sinner are brought into relationship where they are "at one"

In the OT      "kippur" (H)      covering  
each year the sins of the people were put on the head of a goat and sent into the wilderness and a blood sacrifice was offered – their sins were covered for a year  
actually reminded people of their sins  
"scapegoat"

See Heb. 10:3-4

Heb. 9:26

In the NT      takes away sin!!! By sacrificing Himself  
ONCE FOR ALL

Remember John: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"  
The perfect sacrifice  
Without spot or wrinkle, without blemish, without sin

The sacrifice – the CROSS = the cure for man's condition

Heb. 9:13-14      through the Holy Spirit



Salvation Rom. 1:16  
2 Cor. 7:10  
1 Thes. 5:9  
Rev. 7:10  
Heb. 2:3

Places where “sozo” is translated differently Mt. 9:21-22 healing  
Mk. 6:36  
Lk. 8:35,36 deliverance  
Lk. 8:49-50 resurrection  
2 Tim. 4:18 save and keep on saving

In the OT, Is. 53:4 born our griefs = endured our pain  
Carried our sorrows = carried our sicknesses away WE ARE HEALED!

The Bible never talks about healing in the future – It is finished!

The question shouldn't be is it God's will to heal us?, but how can I receive the healing already provided?

He healed them all...”He, Himself” – the answer is not in you.

Mt. 8:16,17 there is no distinction between healing and casting out demons (fulfilling Is 53)

Warning: Heb. 2:3,4 neglect so great a salvation though we don't reject it, do we neglect it  
Do we know what it entails

### **JESUS WAS MADE SIN WITH OUR SINFULNESS THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE RIGHTEOUS WITH HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Sin sinful acts we commit or omissions in our obedience – commission and omission  
Rom. 3:23 all have sinned  
John 8:34 slaves to sin  
Rom. 6:18 slaves to righteousness  
John 8:36 free!

We can never attain righteousness in our own effort...only by faith, only by the work of the cross

Is. 53:10 an offering for sin – the guilt offering of old

Justified, make righteous...”not guilty”

2 Cor. 5:21

Put on your robe of righteousness Is. 61:10

Satan tries desperately to get us to feel guilty...NO! Is. 54:17

Rom. 8:1

### **JESUS DIED OUR DEATH THAT WE MAY SHARE HIS LIFE.**

The justice of God requires death...we read that earlier in Rom.6:23

And now we finish the verse, but the gift of God is eternal life!

Beware crying for justice...we deserve death; we are completely living in grace.

Story of woman who complained about her photo not “doing her justice”; the photographer's response  
“lady you don't want justice, you want grace”

Wages are earned

God offers us unearned mercy – GRACE Unmerited favor Mercy is the alternative to justice.

He offers us life, eternal life! Abundant life!

John 10:10 I have come that they may have life

John 3:16 eternal life

The exchange here literally represents a life given for a life...

Not only physically....Jesus dies a physical death that my dead spirit might be raised to life.

Jesus – spiritually alive, puts on the physical to die physically

Marcia – spiritually dead, comes spiritually alive and carries that life even when her physical body dies

1 Cor. 15:45-56

**EVERY CURSE THAT MIGHT HAVE COME ON US CAME ON JESUS THAT ALL THE BLESSINGS DUE HIM MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.**

Gal. 3:13,14 Abraham blessed in ALL things, every area of life  
Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

See Gal. 3:1 Paul was speaking to the Galatians with concern....bewitched – baskano – witchcraft  
O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

(see in v. 5 these were spirit-filled Christians....does not keep us from deception)

Something had obscured their vision of the cross, the place that Satan is defeated

Col. 2:15 "Having disarmed principalities and powers,[Jesus] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in [the cross]."

The Galatians became carnal 5:13-24...see the listed works of the flesh

They moved into legalism, trying to be righteous by rules – either attempt to achieve righteousness with God through rules or add requirements for salvation to what God has said

Gal. 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

Gal. 3:13 cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree....the full outworking of a curse – the cross  
Guilt, shame, agony, forsaken, rejected,  
Darkness, death

Curses and blessings are essentially words, word which carry authority.

Deut. 28 Moses pronounces blessings and cursings  
Blessings and cursings continue unless broken  
When we have problems in our lives and struggle to find the cause, it might be a curse  
In 10 commandments – worship idols, iniquity visited unto 3-4 generations

In summary:	BLESSINGS	CURSINGS	
	Personal exaltations	humiliation	
	Reproductiveness	Barrenness	
	Health	sickness	
	Prosperity/success	poverty/failure	
	Victory	defeat	
	Head not the tail	Tail not the head	decisions vs. dragged around
	Above not beneath	beneath not above	

Indications of a curse:

Mental/emotional breakdown  
Repeated, chronic sickness/heredity  
Female problems  
Breakdown of marriage, family  
Financial insufficiency  
Accident-prone  
Family history of suicide, unnatural death...

Essence of being under a curse – frustration!

Causes:

Idolatry  
False religion  
Secret Societies  
Wrong attitude towards parents  
Injustice to weak  
Anti-Semitism (Gen. 12:3)  
Our own words

Words of others (especially authority figures)

Release:

Recognize	Renounce	Ps. 118:17	
Repent	Resist	James 4:7	"Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you"

*"Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God and the only way to God the Father. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I believe that on the cross You were made sin with my sinfulness that I might be made righteous with Your righteousness. You were made a curse with any curse that might come upon me, that I might receive the blessing. And now, Lord, I come to You for deliverance from any such curse. I repent of any sins that have caused it to come, whether committed by me or by my ancestors. I receive Your forgiveness. I take my stand now against the devil and all his pressures and everything he wants to do against me. In the name of Jesus I resist him. I refuse to submit any longer to him. In the name of Jesus, I now release myself from any curse over my life. Because of what Jesus did for me on the cross, in His name I release myself, and I receive the release now by faith with thankfulness and praise. Lord, I thank You now. I praise You now. I believe You are faithful. I believe You are doing what I have asked You to do. I commit my life to You, that from now on Your blessing may rest upon me. Thank You, Lord Jesus! Thank You!"*

Derek Prince. Atonement, Your Appointment with God (Kindle Locations 748-752). Kindle Edition.

Col. 2:15 Jesus defeated the enemy

**JESUS ENDURED OUR POVERTY THAT WE MIGHT SHARE HIS ABUNDANCE**

2 Cor. 8:9 though He was rich, yet He became poor  
You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 Cor. 9:8 all grace abound...all-sufficiency, all things, abundance!!!  
God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work.

Abundance – having enough for our own need and something left over to give to others  
But beware focusing too much on the material aspect of abundance

Deut. 28:45, 47-48 hunger, thirst, nakedness, need – fulfilled at the cross...  
Jesus was hungry, thirsty, naked, in need  
"All these curses shall come upon you ... because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God... Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things, therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of all things...."

Cannot be more poor than that  
Levels of provision: insufficiency, sufficiency, abundance

Acts 20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Abundance – enough and left over to give....God wants us to experience the joy and blessing of giving

Beware expecting poverty

Generosity in giving

Prov. 8: 17-18 another kind of abundance

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently gently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring riches and righteousness."

Matt. 19:29 Enduring riches

"everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life."

Prov. 13:7 turn from material riches purposely

"There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; and one who makes himself self poor, yet has great riches."

2 Cor. 6:4- Paul commends self and others in a variety of things....right priorities, more enduring riches  
as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Faith....love – obedience...

Too much money

Pray with others

**JESUS ENDURED OUR SHAME THAT WE MIGHT IN TURN SHARE HIS GLORY.**

One of most prevalent emotional struggles today – shame and rejection

Opposite of shame, glory

Heb. 2:10

It was fitting for Him [God the Father], for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons [that is, you and me] to glory, to make the captain of their salvation [that is, Jesus] perfect through sufferings

Heb. 12:2 endured the cross, despising the shame...

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith [or the originator and perfecter of our faith], who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Shame creates a prison.

One of the most common emotional problems of Christians and ashamed to be ashamed.

Is. 53:3

He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows [literally, really, pains] and acquainted with grief [sickness]. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Jesus' shame naked, mocked, taunted, spit on. Sores, torn body,...(consider the pictures from The Passion of Christ)

Ps. 69:7...

For Your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face.

the whole chapter 1,2,4,8,21

Suffer from shame, hard to look in face

Why do we experience shame?

Humiliating experiences in the past

Memories of past sins (before Christ)

Sexual molestation/abuse

Mt. 27:35

consider Jesus' shame

hard to look on His face

They crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

Job 11:14-15

lift face - shame removed

"If iniquity were in your hand, and you put it far away ... then surely you could lift up your face without spot; yes, could be steadfast, and not fear."

Job 22:26

Then you will have your delight in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God.

Is there any shame in your life that keeps you from lifting up your face to God???

Christ paid the price....He gives us His glory!

1 Pet.1:10,11 the outworking of this exchange

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that would follow.

**JESUS ENDURED OUR REJECTION THAT WE MIGHT HAVE HIS ACCEPTANCE.**

Rejection – a sense of being unwanted, unloved, “always on the outside looking in” – most prevalent emotional wound today

1 John 4:19

we loved because He first loved us....love needs to be awakened

Causes:

breakdown of family relationships

Rejection before birth

Breaking of marriage\*

Physical appearances (world expectations and pressures,...)

Bullying

\*Is. 54:6

a pattern for all rejected

Eph. 21:5-6 accepted in the Beloved

Is. 53:3

prophetic picture of the cross

He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows [or pains] and acquainted with grief [or sickness]. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

John 1:11

"He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him"

Mt. 27:45-47

rejected by His Father

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

Ps. 69:20-21 Jesus died of a broken heart (he died quickly for a crucifixion...)

Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Matt. 27:50-51 the veil was rent – the way to the Father open....acceptance!!!

Eph. 1:3-4 Chosen Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world....

Eph. 1:5-6 ultimate acceptance

... having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

Accepted = charitoo.....means highly favored

Feel rejected? Don't try to do more – He has done it all!

**ON THE CROSS OUR OLD MAN WAS PUT TO DEATH THAT THE NEW MAN MIGHT COME TO LIFE IN US INSTEAD.**

First 8 – what the cross has done for us

Now, what has the cross done in us?

The old man – the sinful nature that we have inherited from Adam, a rebel

Mt. 3:10 "Even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees."

Is. 53:6 our root problem – rebellion against God

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him [Jesus] the iniquity of us all.

God's solution – execution....our old man crucified with Christ.

Rom. 6:6-7 execution took place on the cross of Christ

Our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.

This is today's rebel....not just historic

We must know that our old man was crucified with Christ!!!

Rom. 6:8-10 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

V 11 the application

Likewise you also, *reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin*, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Dead to sin – it has no further attraction to me, it no longer draws me, no more power over me....

How? By faith in what Jesus did on the cross

The middle cross was for me....my old man crucified in Him.

Eph.4:22-24 (to people already saved)

put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.

Old man - part of the devil's deception

Adam and Eve believed a lie....produces corruption

Corruption is irreversible....must be put to death, made new

There is no way to "reform" the old man...he must die!

The way to true discipleship is through the cross of Jesus Christ. There we surrender our old life in exchange for the resurrection life.

2 Cor. 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation"

1 Pet. 1:23 the nature of the new creation

[You have] been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.

The nature of the "life" is the nature of the seed that it comes out of

James 1:18 "Of His own will He brought us forth [or begot us again] by the word of truth."

1 John 3:9 "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."

1 John 5:4 "Whatever is born of God overcomes the world."

Gal. 2:20

Lk. 9:23 deny self, take up cross

Picking up our cross is not necessarily an unpleasant expectation...“the cross” is the process and place that keeps us completely dependent on God...we refuse to do anything for any reason other than to please Jesus.

Titus 2:11-14

The cross gives us the power to say “no” to lies, sinful attitudes and patterns of behavior, and fears about what others think, plus say “yes” to Jesus.