

TO ATONE

To atone is to suffer the penalty for sins and to remove the effects of sin from a person.

The Bible never says that Jesus paid the penalty for sins. Even believers still pay a penalty for sin and still suffer the effects of sin.

The Bible does say that Jesus died for sin removal throughout creation. John 1:29

Jesus died for our sin removal. Jesus' sinless death defeated sin by condemning sin to extermination because sin killed the sinless Son of God. Having committed this most atrocious deed, sin is to be taken away, and Jesus arose from the dead with authority to take away sin. Romans 8:3

Jesus did not die to allow God to forgive sin. God freely forgives sin without exacting any payment.

Jesus became the New Adam whereby sin is defeated for humanity in that man has the opportunity to call upon Jesus to take away sin. Humanity is provisionally reconciled to God because man does not have to stay in bondage to sin. Romans 5

Jesus' sinless death does provisionally reconcile humanity to God. Romans 5:10a

But Jesus' sinless death does not judicially reconcile any person to God. Romans 5:10,17

A person must receive the gift of grace and the free gift of righteousness by faith. A believer is saved through Jesus' resurrection life. Judicial reconciliation happens when the Holy Spirit indwells the repentant sinner and gives new spiritual birth which begins the process of taking our sins away.

Lost sinners are commanded to be reconciled to God by believing the message of reconciliation and acting upon it. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Jesus did not come to satisfy God's wrath against sin. God's wrath is never satisfied against sin.

Revelation 6:17

Believers are moved out from under the wrath of God because God promises to complete the work He began and make believers totally sinless and totally righteous. There is no penalty and no wrath against a totally sinless and totally righteous person. Philippians 1:6

Whoever believes, trusts in, and relies on the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him. John 3:36

Jesus did not take our penalty upon Himself nor pay it for us. Believers still pay the penalty for personal sin on earth and in heaven. In heaven believers lose their reward because of personal sin.

Jesus shed His blood for condemning sin to extermination and gained the right as Second Adam to take our sins away. To atone means that Jesus would have taken our penalty upon Himself and paid the penalty for us. In the original Greek New Testament, the word atone is never applied to Jesus. The word atonement is never found in the Greek New Testament. All atonement theories are wrong at their foundation because Jesus did not come to take our penalty upon Himself. God does not need to be paid off, God does not need to be appeased, God has no need to be changed in order to save us. We must be changed, not God. The Cross makes possible the eradication of sin and a change in us. The condition upon us is that we must believe in, trust in, and rely on Jesus to change us into new creatures in Christ.

JESUS DOES NOT MAKE ATONEMENT, JESUS IS GOD'S MERCY SEAT

All atonement theories start with a false premise that Jesus made a payment that directly earned salvation for some and reconciled God to believers. Jesus did not atone for anyone at the Cross. We are saved today when we believe and receive Jesus. Jesus died sinless in order to condemn sin to the utmost. Sin is now condemned to extermination because of the Cross of Jesus. Jesus arose with all authority to remove sin from believers and begins the process through our personal faith and the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is the resurrected life of Jesus that saves believers. The Cross condemned sin to extinction from all Creation making provision for our salvation. The last three chapters of the Bible reveal this removal of sin, death, and Satan from all Creation. Our salvation was not earned by Jesus through making God more favorable toward us. Sinless Jesus gained the right as Second Adam to remove sin and make new creations out of believers. God is justified in giving eternal life to believers because He ultimately makes new creations totally sinless and totally righteous. God completes His work.

Jesus did not pay for our sin. Believers still pay the consequences for their sin.

Jesus did not pay the penalty for our sin. Believers pay the penalty for sin in eternity in loss of rewards.

Jesus did not earn our salvation by letting God punish Him in our place. God did not kill Jesus to appease His wrath against us. God's wrath is never appeased toward sin. God does not change. God is not reconciled to man. The Bible always says that man needs to be changed and reconciled to God. God's justice does not demand a punishment or payment for sin. God freely forgives without payment. God's provisional forgiveness means that God holds no one back from believing and receiving Christ and eternal life. The salvation of a person happens as a result of that person's cooperation with the Holy Spirit's conviction and allowing himself to be led to saving faith in Jesus. A person's salvation did not happen at the Cross of Jesus. Salvation happens now when a person believes and receives Jesus and eternal life.