

THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

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CHRIST'S ATONEMENT

Week 12



REVIEW: WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

1. Fully God
2. Fully Man
3. Only one Person (not two) and not a mixture (e.g. brass), it is a personal union (*Hypostatic*)

REVIEW: NEW TESTAMENT EVIDENCE

- John 1:1-14
- Hebrews 1
- Colossians 1

DEITY OF CHRIST FROM THE BIBLE

- Christ is called by the Names of God
- Christ has all the Attributes of God
- Christ does all the Works of God

IMPORTANCE OF INCARNATION

- The Atonement stands on it
- Our Trust in the Bible relies on it
- It is a sign of attacks on the miraculous
- It exposes false doctrines and teachers

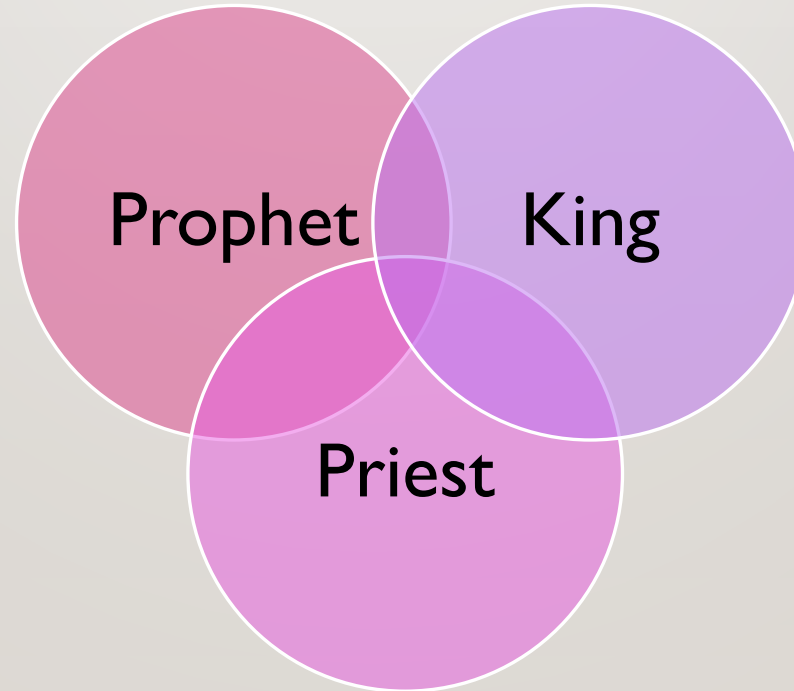
PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION

- Salvation of sinners
- Manifest God to man
- Manifest man as he was created to be

REVIEW: MEDIATOR

1. One who “goes between”
2. One who administers God’s covenant
3. One who is God and man!

REVIEW: CHRIST'S OFFICES



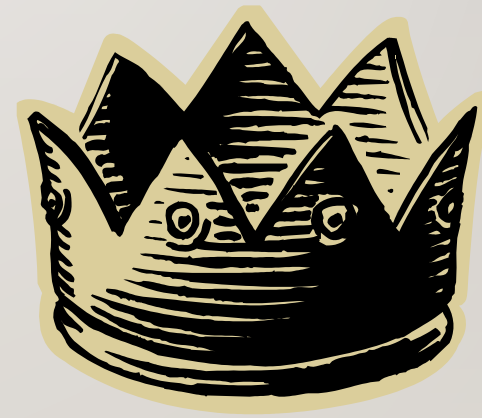
REVIEW: PROPHET

- The **message**— the will of God for our salvation and edification
- The **means**— His Word and Spirit



REVIEW: KING

- Subduing a people to Himself
- Ruling and defending His people
- Restraining and conquering His and our enemies



REVIEW: PRIEST

- His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice
- making continual intercession for us



REVIEW: CHRIST'S HUMILIATION

- His Birth
- His Life
- His Death
- There are three aspects to Christ's humiliation:

REVIEW: HUMILIATION KEY TEXT

- ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phil. 2:6–8)

REVIEW: EXALTATION?

- Rising again from the dead
- Ascension
- Seated at the Right Hand of the Father
- Coming Again to Judge the World

REVIEW: EXALTATION KEY TEXT

- ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

THE ATONEMENT



NEED FOR AN ATONEMENT

Who Needs Atonement?

Every sinner faces four consequences for his sin: He is now separated from fellowship with God; he is now a slave to sin and Satan; he must die; and he must bear God's wrath. The only way a sinner can avoid these consequences is through atonement.

Atonement [ə-'tōn-mənt]:

the action of making amends for a wrong or injury

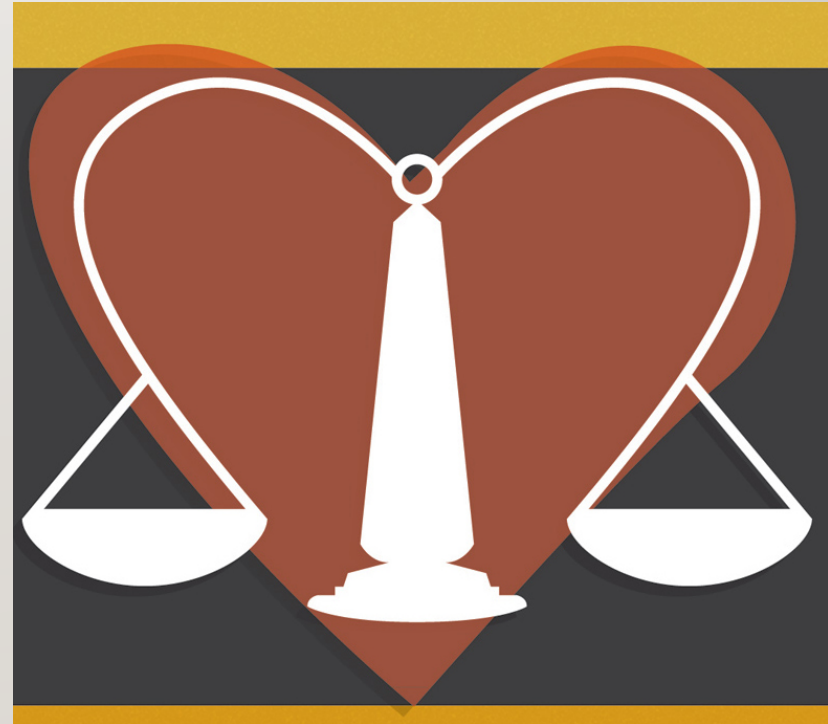


WHAT CAUSED THE ATONEMENT?

- The good pleasure of God to save sinners
 - Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. (Isaiah 53:10)
 - For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (Colossians 1:19–20)

WHAT CAUSED THE ATONEMENT?

- Not an arbitrary choice
- Founded in the love of God
 - To provide an escape to sinners (John 3:16)
- Founded in the justice of God
 - To meet the demands of the Law (Rom. 3:26)



NECESSITY OF THE ATONEMENT

- In view of the justice of God
- In view of the holiness of God
- The sentence pronounced on sin should be executed

- Consequent absolute necessity

NATURE OF THE ATONEMENT

- Rendered Satisfaction to God
 - Not primarily directed at the sinner
 - Directed at God to satisfy His just wrath
- Vicarious (Substitutionary)
 - Highest form of mercy
- Included both Active and Passive Obedience

What Does the Atonement Do For Sinners?



Sacrifice Overcomes Death

Those who sin deserve to die, but in the atonement Christ sacrificed himself to pay sin's penalty.



Propitiation Overcomes Wrath

Those who violate God's law deserve to be punished, but in the atonement Christ satisfied God's just wrath.



Reconciliation Overcomes Separation

Sin separates man from God, but in the atonement Christ restored fellowship by reconciling God and man.



Redemption Overcomes Bondage

Sinful man is a slave to sin and Satan, but in the atonement Christ redeemed man from bondage, freeing him to honor God.

FALSE THEORIES

- **Ransom** from Satan – Satan has power
- **Moral** Theory – persuades men to be good
- **Governmental** Theory – not concerned with the individual
- **Mystical** Theory – changing the sinner

LIMITED ATONEMENT

- Definition:
Christ died to secure the salvation of His people (John 10:11, 14-18).
- Also called “Particular Redemption”

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

NEXT WEEK: MISSIONS CONFERENCE