

Church Words: Atonement

Main idea: The Atonement of Jesus is the

Two important corollaries: Sin and Wrath

Three descriptions of sin: _____,
_____, _____.

God's wrath: "God's wrath is his love and passion for humanity expressed through his justice against that which violates the image of God within us and breaks our relationship with Him."

Five Theories of Atonement:

The Socinian Theory (16th Century):

The Moral Influence Theory (Abelard - 11th Century):

The Governmental Theory (Grotius - late 15th/early 16th Century):

Ransom Theory (Christus Victor) (Origen - 2nd Century) :

Satisfaction Theory (Penal Substitution Theory) (Anselm - late 11th/early 12th Century):

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Questions for reflection:

- 1) What connected with you from this week's teaching? Why did it connect to you?
- 2) How do the different theories of atonement help us understand the significance of Jesus' sacrifice?
- 3) What role does Jesus' divinity and humanity play in the concept of atonement?
- 4) How can reflecting on the atonement inform our understanding of God's justice and love?
- 5) How can you share the message of atonement with others around you in a loving way? Who will you share it with?