

What the Atonement means

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[0:00] The Atonement The Lamb slain.

In Revelation 13.8 Slain! In the mind of God the Lamb was slain. Revelation 13.8 When the foundation of the world was laid the Lamb was slain.

And right back through the Old Testament we see the signpost to Calvary. A man who was an eminent Jew.

From Amsterdam said Would you like to know how I became a Christian? I should very much I replied. He said I was reading my Hebrew Old Testament and I came to the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. I had read it before but this time my eyes seemed open. I began to think it was the New Testament. I had gotten pulled off by mistake.

[1:34] I turned the back of it toward me to make sure it was my own Bible. The Hebrew Bible the Old Testament. As I read it again and again I saw what I had never seen before sin laid on another.

And who could it be but the Lord Jesus. the end of that was that I became a Christian without the New Testament at all.

Isaiah 53 opened this Jew's eyes. He saw the Lamb. We want to behold the Lamb. When John the Baptist looked up and he beheld the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

He says behold look the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Look he says he saw the blood when he looked.

When he saw Jesus for the first time he saw the blood shed. He saw the Lamb slain. He saw the bleeding one. When he saw the Saviour like a Lamb slain in the temple as the Old Testament sacrifice but much much more.

[2:45] The Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. As 1 Peter 1 18 tells us for as much as you know that you are not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers but with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Precious blood costly blood highly honoured blood blood the reason for his slain was me it was you why he was slain it was us our desperate need of salvation he carried our sin by the work of his cross showing his saving power to sinful man sinful man brothers sisters today think of that blood think of that precious blood for a moment the blood shed Isaiah 53 we read of that blood we read of that wounded one and payment was made there payment now I'm told that our local city council the city of Playford issues over 14,000 expiation notices every year 14,000 going to be parking fines or fines to do with food premises whatever it may be that someone's not doing right they're breaking the laws of the city

God's law was broken an expiation notice has been issued for the penalty of your breaking his law God's law God's justice demands death death you must die the soul that's in it shall die but thank God there's payment made payment was made at Calvary's cross payment was made when his blood was shed he completed the payment he went and paid that penalty he paid that expiation notice Jesus offered himself on the cross as a sacrifice to expiate to expiate it means to pay to make payment of our sin debt payment was made there for you and me he paid he made expiation when his blood was expended he expiated your penalty he paid the penalty of your sin and mine he removed the guilt of our sin payment was made peace was made peace was made of the blood of his cross

Romans 5 10 for if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son much more being reconciled we shall be saved by his life and not only so but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have now received the atonement peace was made the flag of surrender was raised the white flag we were at war with God but peace was made peace was made

we were made at one with our God back in Genesis we see the coats of skin that God prepared flesh was slain that Adam and Eve could be clothed God prepared for them we see the sacrifices the offerings of Exodus the sacrificial system the prophesied saviour of Isaiah 53 over 300 prophetic pictures point towards our saviour's coming as the suffering saviour where once we were at war at enmity hostile to him he brought peace he brought peace in Colossians 1 20 and having made peace through the blood of his cross by him to reconcile all things unto himself by him I say whether they be in earth all things in heaven Christ steps in the bleeding one the lamb of God he steps into our world he breaks that hostility he makes peace he brings reconciliation through the finished work of his cross he breaks the barrier down between you and God Colossians 1 21 it goes on and you that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight enemies hostile there was a hostility in our mind we were enemies enemies in enmity and yet now he can be made holy unreprouvable presented before his searching eyes and found holy because of

[8:21] Calvary reconciliation reconciliation it's a wonderful word isn't it peace with God made possible through his life death and suffering you see back pictures of them signing the armistice the end of the world wars and peace was made by a pen but we know how long that lasts but peace is made for your soul it's everlasting peace with God is forever and not only was payment made and peace made but propitiation was made because of the blood of Christ Romans 3 25 it's a big word propitiation and God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are passed through the forbearance of God we deserve punishment as the judgment came in Egypt judgment came the angel came

God's wrath came and we deserve punishment and yet they applied the blood they put the blood on the doorpost on the lintel as it were forming a cross as the blood dripped down and across as they thrashed the hyssop branches against the lintel against the doorpost and the wrath of God was turned away from us God's judgment it's no longer upon us his anger was taken God's character his infinite holiness and righteousness against all sin means God is angry God is angry God has wrath as Psalm 711 it says God is angry with the wicked every day we know of course it says God is love but

God is angry God has anger against the rejection of his son of the blood God is angry with the wicked he's angry with us if we rebel him God is a just judge he must vent his fury he must pour out his wrath his wrath was poured out his wrath was poured out as our Lord suffered as the sun was shielded as darkness came as God's face was turned from his son the wrath was paid the guilt was taken the judgment that was warranted was paid in full God's wrath anger and judgment the damnation that we deserve was fully paid was fully vented the hell of the hell was the hell that should have been ours he took it for you it was vented the fury that was vented was for you for me by removing that guilt of sin and sin's penalty the Lord

Jesus satisfied the Father's perfect justice you know God is not a judge you can say oh I'll let you off this time I'll give you another chance God says no you must be penalised you must the penalty must be paid but Christ steps in as the advocate and says I've paid it I've paid it for this one I've paid it for that one it's been paid the propitiation Christ totally eliminated God's wrath against our sin and 1 John 2 2 he is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world God no longer has any reason to be angry with you because at the hill it was paid at the hill of Calvary at Golgotha he took it for you for the believing sinner

God's wrath is holy and just an indignation against sin but it's the blood the blood brings protection as the blood brought protection for the children of Israel the blood was the sign the blood was the application that made the difference for the people the blood had to be applied though is it applied in your life do you know the saviour are you under the cover of his blood when I see the blood I will pass over you thank God for that thank God for the blood that his indignation against sin which is righteous and true and needful has been paid and we see purification purification was paid purification was made his blood given in exchange for our life made purification possible 1 John 1 7 but if we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus

[13:48] Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin I know an elderly brother and he makes a point in greeting and farewelling of quoting this very verse it means so much to him the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin and it's got the sense keeps continually cleansing us isn't that wonderful that the blood wasn't just in a moment of time but it's an ongoing continual cleansing as we're walking as we're fellowshiping the blood is cleansing it's purifying have you had that soul cleansing has that been your experience or is your soul still foul and stinking come to him today let the blood cleanse every spot Leviticus 17 11 for the life of the flesh is in the blood the life is in the blood and I've given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul many miss the blood many churches miss the blood they even take it out of the bible god forbid the blood the blood the blood they take it out of the hymn books the blood don't miss the blood we need the blood we need the blood you need the blood make it personal make it personal don't miss it you can know about it you can know the doctrine the theory the theology of it and miss it personally apply it personally

John 3 36 and he often quote John 3.16 but what about 36? As someone has said, the atonement is sufficient for the whole world and is efficient for the salvation of those only who repent and believe.

The blood is sufficient for every soul to be saved, for every heart to be washed, for every life to have heaven but yet it's only efficient in those that repent and believe.

You must claim it. You must make it personal. You must believe. John 3.36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him.

It's like in Moses' time he had to lift up that serpent in the wilderness that he said in John 3.14 Even so must the Son of Man be lifted up that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

[16:35] Have eternal life. People today, have you got it? Have you got it? Don't miss it. Feel like that Jew reading Isaiah 53. Have your eyes open. It's the blood there.

It's Jesus there. The only one, the suffering saviour. And make it personal. Think of it now. It's for you. It's for you. It's given for you. It's given for me.

It's given for us. It's not some theory, some philosophy, something we can take or leave. It's got to be personal. It's got to be applied.

It's given for us. Galatians 1 verse 4. Who gave himself for us, for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world according to the will of God and our Father, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Who gave himself for our sins. He was given for us that he might deliver. It's got the sense of rescue. As you can picture it, of chains broken.

[17:39] Oh, the prison doors swung open. Oh, deliverance, of freedom, of rescue. The atonement was made for sin. For sin.

Brothers and sisters, it was for sin. It was for sin. I know there's many faith preachers often talk about healing in the atonement.

And yet, it wasn't so much the healing. It was for sin. And the soul sickness is what he paid for a Calvary's tree. It was for that soul sickness.

That sickness, that dread disease, that you have the virus for. But he came with the antidote, didn't he?

Amen. He came as the one, the great physician to take, to give, to deliver. That antidote that only he could give. That sickness that only he could heal.

[18:44] And they get off on the wrong tangent when they talk that it was for sickness that he died. It was for the sickness of the soul. You read the context and it's clear.

It's talking about the sickness of the soul. Of course, we know God can heal and does heal. And we pray and believe for healing and trust him for it. According to his mercy and grace, we don't deny his ability to heal, as he does certainly heal.

But the cross wasn't about healing. It was about sin. It was about sin. It was about atoning for your sin. For my sin. He gave himself for our sins. And then he bore our sins for us.

In 1 Peter 2, 24, we think of that word. That rough word. On which he bore our sins in his own body. On that tree was your sin. On that tree was my sin.

Every bit of it. Every bit. On the tree. That we being dead to sin should live unto righteousness. By his stripes he were healed. He bore our sins of the tree.

[19:45] Of Calvary's tree. He bore our sins there. 1 Peter 3, 18. The just for the unjust. As someone put it, He became sin for us.

Oh, the mystery of his mercy. Unguessed depths of matchless grace. Christ became that which he hated. While God turned away his face.

Turned in wrath from his beloved. Hanging there upon the tree. Strangely changed and strangely bearing. All the sins of you and me.

Angels dared not look upon him. But a virtue-stricken eye. Seeing not the Lord of glory. But a bleeding sacrifice.

Through the circling endless ages. Such a sight had never been. He the spotless Lamb of heaven. Christ the Lord becoming sin.

[20:44] The sinless one. He lived a life yet without sin. We know he was made sin for us. Who knew no sin. That we might be made. The righteousness of God in him.

He bore sins cursed for us. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law. That he made a curse for us. As it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.

Christ was offered to bear the sins of many. Hebrews 9, 28. 1 Corinthians 15, 3. Christ died for our sins. According to the scriptures.

Take heart today. Your sins were paid there. Your sins were paid in full. You know, some have got this idea that Calvary is not enough.

Calvary is enough today. Calvary is enough. It's paid it all. It's paid it all. He's tasted death for every man. Tasted death. Physical, real.

[21:42] Physical death. But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels. For the suffering of death crowned with glory. And honour that. He by the grace of God should taste death.

Taste death. Taste death. Taste death. For every man. He tasted death. He got it on his tongue. He tasted it. He experienced it. He went through death.

For you. For every man. The Lord Jesus died. As our substitute. In our place. As it says in Matthew 20. 28. Even as the Son of Man.

Came not to be ministered unto. But to minister. And to give his life. A ransom for many. For many. Taste death. For.

Every man. Hear this word for untold. Means literally. In the place of. Taste death. For. In the place of.

[22:39] Every man. He gave his life a ransom. For. In the place of. Many. In the place of. Or in exchange for. Give his life in the place of many.

It's the same Greek word. I'm told in Matthew 5. Where it says. An eye. For. An eye. A tooth. For. A tooth. That's how. Much. His sacrifice paid.

For. Your sins. In exchange for. In your place. In our place. In our place. A ransom for. Taste death for. Our sin. In our very place.

In exchange for. Instead of. As Matthew 2. 22. Talk to one. Reeling in the place of. Perid. Instead of. Instead of. In the place of. Christ.

Dead. Is in the sinner's dead. It's in the place of. It's in. Our place. It's in. Our regard. It's for our benefit. Christ suffered and died.

[23:34] Standing in the place of the sinner. Bearing his sin. Punished in the sinner's dead. Whosoever. Believes in Jesus. Has. His sins. Satisfied.

The holy judge. Who requires. Satisfaction. Of the penalty. Has had it paid. Paid in full. Paid in full. Paid at Calvary. You don't need to add to it.

If you trusted him. It's paid for. You know some. I know some Christians. They. Rack themselves. Over. Hot coals. Thinking.

Have I lost it today. Have I lost my salvation. Have I lost my salvation. Isn't your saviour able to keep.

That which is. Is. Saved. Amen. God. Is able. To keep. It's not to say we.

[24:29] Despite his grace. And live. Careless. God forbid that we should do so. But brothers and sisters. The blood is paid in. It's paid in. The holy judge.

Has had the judgment paid. The sentence declared. And the payment made. Expiated payment. Was made. His mercy and compassion.

Provided. The saviour. The eternal death penalty. The sufferings of hell. Were vented at Calvary's hill. As Christ was suspended. Between. Heaven and earth.

As he was rejected. By God. And man. As he was subject. To public. Humiliation. And shame. Our Lord. Endured the curse of the law. The penalty for his people.

As our substitute. Enduring that intense. And agonising suffering. Unto death. On the behalf of his people. He paid the price in full. Paying.

[25:24] Abolished. The penalty. For you. And worthy. Is the lamb. Worthy. Is the lamb. People today. Revelation 5.12. We can declare.

As they declared. In Revelation 5.12. Worthy. Is the lamb. That was slain. Worthy. Is the lamb. That was slain. To receive power. And riches.

And wisdom. And strength. And honour. And glory. And blessing. Worthy. Worthy. Worthy. Is the lamb. Slain before the foundation of the world. Slain for you. Slain for your sin.

Three crosses on a lonely hill. Three crosses on a lonely hill. A thief on either side. And in between. The son of God. How wide.

The gulf. How wide. How wide. Yet one thief. Spandered with the words. Oh Lord. Remember me. The other scoffed.

[26:20] And turned aside. To lost. Eternity. Forsaken is. The hilltop now. And all the cross is gone. But. In believing hearts of men.

The centre cross. Lives on. And still. As when the sentinels. First met. Earth's wandering view. The presence of the Lord. Divides.

Upon which side. Are you. Upon which side. Are you. Do you know him. Do you know him today. Worthy is the lamb. Payment was made.

Payment was made. Purification. The penalty was paid. Our sins were born. He tasted death. For us. For you. For me. Don't miss it today.

To be ready. Thank you.