#### Living the Resurrected Life with Christ

Part 1 – A Multi-Faceted Perspective of the Atonement

#### Romans 5:1-11

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### Romans 5:2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we can also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

## Romans 5:4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

and this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

Romans 5:10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



## The Atonement

**The At-One-Ment refers to THE** way God has provided for humanity to come back into its original, perfect, and harmonious relationship with Him. It is the reconciliation.

# Principle #1

Simply stated, God's central focus and message to all of humanity, through the Old Testament, through the New Testament, and through Jesus Christ is the Atonement.

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## Principle #2

Humanity in its fallen state suffers from Total Depravity. This does not mean that we are as bad as we can possibly be. It means that we are as bad off as we can possibly be.

Total Depravity Means that sin has touched and infected every part of our being and that it is impossible to simply repair, fix, or correct what is wrong with us.

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## Principle #3

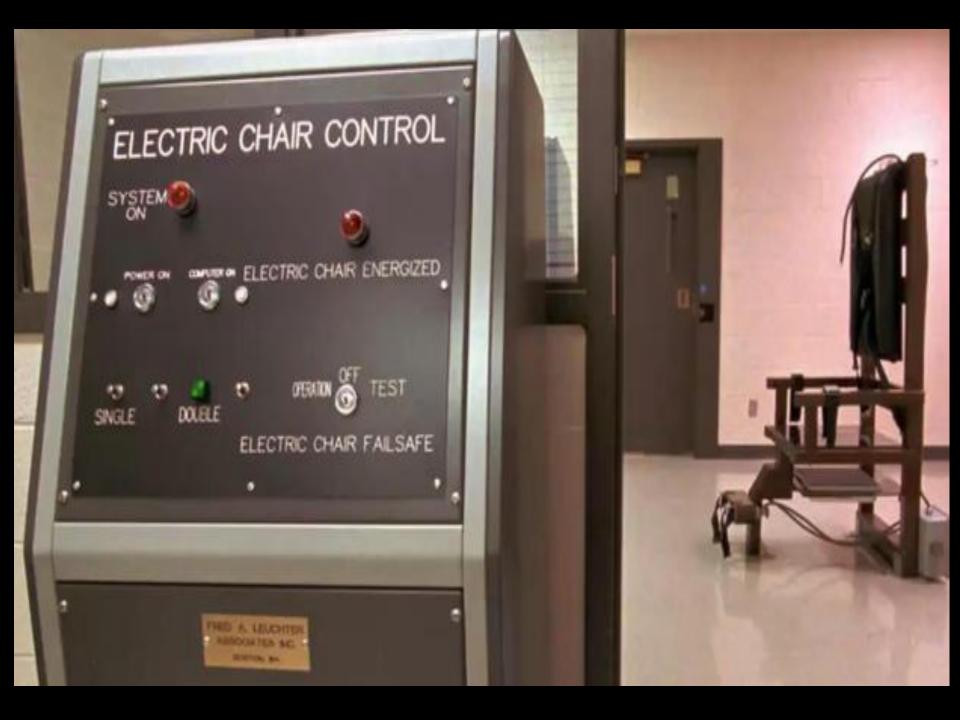
**Christ exchanged his perfect,** sinless, obedient, holy life for our sinful, disobedient, and doomed to God's wrath and judgment unholy lives.

**2** Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be a sin offering for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

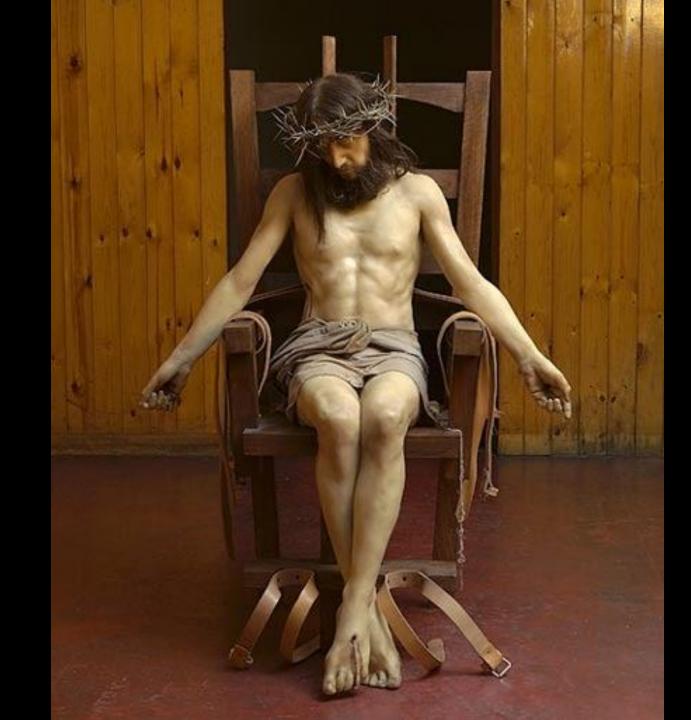












# A Т O N E M E N Τ

# Biblical Images of the Atonement

**Slaves** who are Rescued **Enemies** who are **Befriended Corpses** who are **Resurrected Prisoners** who are **Freed Criminals** who are **Justified** Children who are Adopted

# Biblical Images of the Atonement

Disciples who are given a path to follow.

Children who experience their Father's Unconditional Love. Witnesses of God's justice and punishment for sin.

# Principle #4

The closer one gets to the cross and the more one lives for their Lord Jesus Christ, the more one will come to see and experience the eternally meaningful and powerful multi-faceted aspects of the Atonement.

Surveying the Wondrous Cross

- •We see a sacrifice offered and a substitute given.
- •We also see a ransom paid for our sin.
- At the cross, the power of sin is broken and the prisoners are set free.

#### Surveying the Wondrous Cross

- •We see the extent of God's love that knows no bounds.
- At the cross, we see an example of love, obedience, and sacrifice that we are to follow.

•We see the seriousness and severity of the punishment for our sins.

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