

Atonement

1 Timothy 2:3-6 HCSB This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, (4) who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (5) For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, a man, Christ Jesus, (6) who gave Himself--a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.

What Man Is:

A sinner

- Romans 5:8 HCSB But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!

A rebel

- Colossians 1:21 HCSB And you were once alienated and hostile in mind because of your evil actions.

A stranger

- Ephesians 2:12 HCSB At that time you were without the Messiah, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, with no hope and without God in the world.

What God Did:

Loved us

- John 3:16-18 HCSB "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world that He might judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 Anyone who believes in Him is not judged, but anyone who does not believe is already judged, because he has not believed in the name of the One and Only Son of God.

Commended His love to us

- Romans 5:8 HCSB But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!

Sent Christ to save us

- Galatians 4:4-5 HCSB But when the completion of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Spared not His own Son

- Romans 8:31-32 HCSB What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He did not even spare His own Son, but offered Him up for us all; how will He not also with Him grant us everything?

What Christ Did:

A. Took our nature

- Hebrews 2:14-15 HCSB Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, He also shared in these, so that through His death He might destroy the one holding the power of death--that is, the Devil-- 15 and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.

- B. Became our ransom
 - **Matthew 20:28 HCSB** just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life--a ransom for many."
- C. Died in our place
 - **1 Peter 3:18 HCSB** For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, after being put to death in the fleshly realm but made alive in the spiritual realm.
- D. Died for our sins
 - **1 Peter 2:24 HCSB** He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by **His wounding you have been healed.**
- E. Died as a sacrifice
 - **Ephesians 5:1-2 HCSB** Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. **2** And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.
- F. Died willingly
 - **John 10:18 HCSB** No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from My Father."
- G. Reconciled us to God
 - **Romans 5:10 HCSB** For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, *then how* much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life!
- H. Brought us to God
 - **1 Peter 3:18 HCSB** For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, after being put to death in the fleshly realm but made alive in the spiritual realm.
- I. Restored our fellowship
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 HCSB** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

III. What the believer receives:

- A. Forgiveness/ Freedom
 - **Ephesians 1:7-10 HCSB** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace **8** that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. **9** He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He planned in Him **10** for the administration of the days of fulfillment--to bring everything together in the Messiah, both things in heaven and things on earth in Him.
- B. Peace (Synchronization)
 - **Romans 5:1-2 HCSB** Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Also through Him, we have

obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

C. Reconciliation and the ministry of reconciliation

- [2 Corinthians 5:19-20 HCSB](#) **19** that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us. **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; certain that God is appealing through us, we plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."

D. Righteousness

- [2 Corinthians 5:21 HCSB](#) **21** He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

E. Justification

- [Romans 3:24-26 HCSB](#) They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. **25** God presented Him as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. **26** He presented Him to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be righteous and declare righteous the one who has faith in Jesus.

F. Access to God

- [Ephesians 2:17-22 HCSB](#) When *Christ* came, He proclaimed the good news of peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. **18** For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. **19** So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. **21** The whole building is being fitted together in Him and is growing into a holy sanctuary in the Lord, **22** in whom you also are being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit.

G. Cleansing

- [1 John 1:7 HCSB](#) But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

H. Liberty

- [Galatians 5:1 HCSB](#) Christ has liberated us into freedom. Therefore stand firm and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery.

I. Freedom from sin

- [Hebrews 2:14 HCSB](#) Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, He also shared in these, so that through His death He might destroy the one holding the power of death--that is, the Devil--

J. Christ's intercession

- [Hebrews 2:17-18 HCSB](#) Therefore He had to be like His brothers in every way, so that He could become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. **18** For since He Himself was tested and has suffered, He is able to help those who are tested.