#### THEOLOGICAL DEFINITIONS

#### 01. "Atonement"

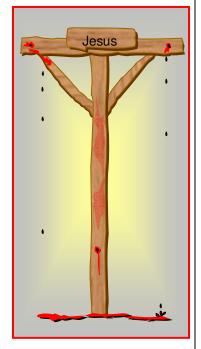
# "Satisfying the Judge because the Law was broken"

(2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT) "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

When the word "atonement" refers to the atonement of Christ, it means the work by which he cleansed us of our sins — which was His atoning death on the cross. Christ's died on behalf of all sinners who call upon Him for salvation. His death satisfied or "atoned" for the demands of God's holy Law. Jesus suffered

and died in obedience. He was our substitute. His death was a substitutionary atonement. He took our punishment! Christ paid the debt He never owed so we would not have to pay the debt we could never pay.

When we accept Christ's atoning sacrifice and make Him the Lord of our lives, we are reconciled to God, and God is reconciled to us. We are saved. We come into right relationship with Him and can come boldly to the throne of His grace to experience His loving touch upon our lives.



# **Homework Assignment**

Write a paragraph of 50 to 100 words on what you would tell somebody about what atonement means to you personally.

Turn it in on a separate 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 sheet at the beginning of the next class. If possible, please print this off your computer. Otherwise, a clearly handwritten paper will be accepted. Include your name, date and Theological Term at the top of the page.

Keep these weekly handouts on Theological Terms in your 3-ring notebook.

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### **BUZZ WORDS**

- 1. Substitute
- 2. Satisfied