

The Atonement of Jesus Christ

Isaiah 53:5

I stand before you today to proclaim: I am thankful that we serve an awesome and mighty God! I am glad that He has everything in control even though it seems that everything around us is out of control! I readily admit that there are times that God seems a million miles away, but in reality, He resides in the *heart of every* believer!

He is as close as the mention of His name! Whatever our needs may be, He is always there to help bear our load. *If we are tempted*, He is able to *deliver*. **If we are sick, He is able to heal.** And whenever we need a *miracle*, God is still the *miracle worker!* Amen!

The Bible tells us in Romans 8:16-17 reminds us, “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” Child of God, hear me well today: *God is concerned about His children*, and He is always there to answer the prayer that is spoken from a heart of faith!

I want to take a few minutes to talk to you about the Doctrine of the Atonement! The atonement of Jesus Christ is the *greatest*, most *glorious*, most *distinctive* fact in the Bible.

Although the Atonement of Jesus Christ is one huge accomplishment, it is actually broken down into three parts: His stripes, His death, and His resurrection! Obviously we can't cover all of these in detail in this one study, but I want to give you an overview.

Look, first, at His stripes. Our text says, “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” **1 Peter 2:24 says,** “(Christ) Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes you were healed.”

(David show the “stripes” from the Passion)

Ladies and gentlemen, it was no accident that Christ was beaten like He was beaten –there was a purpose and that purpose was our healing! Remember, God had a wonderful and marvelous plan – and that plan included your healing and my healing.

There is no Sickness that He Cannot Cure! He's bigger than:

Aids or Alzheimer's
Arthritis or anorexia
Bulimia or bursitis
Cataracts or cancer
Depression or diabetes
Emphysema or Epilepsy
Hepatitis or Heart disease
Melanoma or Migraines
Tuberculosis or anything else!

The Bible still declares that by His stripes we are healed! Glory to God!

Look, now, at His death. Philippians 2:5-8 tells us that Christ left Heaven's glory, and "took upon Himself the form of a Servant, and was made in the likeness of man, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross."

(David show the Cross from the Passion"

In the New Testament alone there are almost two hundred references to Christ's Death. Matthew 20:28 says, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." **Jesus came to this earth to die for the sins of humanity!**

The death of Christ on the Cross is the remover of all human guilt, it replaces all human sorrow with joy, and it answers all of man questions. Surely that is why Paul could say in Colossians 2:9-10, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power." **Our every need is found in Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory!!**

Look, now, at His resurrection. Jesus made this promise in John 11:25-26, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

(David show the empty tomb from the Passion)

Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to you today – the Lord of Glory is alive and well today! Paul put it this way in 1 Corinthians 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." Ephesians 2:4-7 says, "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have

been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 2:5-6 says, “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” At Calvary, Christ paid our sin-debt in full, He settled the sin-question forever, and now He sits at the right hand of God as our Intercessor, and we can declare with confidence, “We are more than conquerors through His who loved us!” And one day we will be a part of His “glorious appearing.”

Child of God, we Serve an Awesome & Mighty God! Our God is:

The Peace Speaker and the Problem Solver!
The Miracle Worker and the Heart Mender!
He’s my Provider and my Supplier!

He’s my Shepherd and my Song!
He’s my Sword and my Shield!
He’s the Healer of all my diseases!
The Forgiver of all my iniquities!
He is Holy and Highly Exalted!
He is Merciful and He is Majestic!
There is nothing too hard for Him!

He’s the Overseer of the Overcomers,
The Captain of Our Salvation,
He is Altogether Lovely,
And Jesus is His Name!

The Bible still declares that by His stripes we are healed!

If you have never received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, why not today?

Please stand for prayer!

Father, Your Word is true. Thank You for a divine love that sacrifice Heaven’s Best that I might have life and have it abundantly. In Jesus’ name. Amen.