

THE CHAPEL
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TRUTH

WEEK 4: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ATONEMENT

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WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY IT MATTERS

KEY SCRIPTURES

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIRV): “At one time you were dead in your sins. Your desires controlled by sin were not circumcised. But God gave you new life together with Christ. He forgave us all our sins. He wiped out what the law said that we owed. The law stood against us. It judged us. But he has taken it away and nailed it to the cross. He took away the weapons of the powers and authorities. He made a public show of them. He won the battle over them by dying on the cross.”

Matt. 1:21: “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Romans 3:25-26: “God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

Luke 24:26: “Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

Heb. 9:12: He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.”

Heb. 9:26: “Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

Romans 5:19: “19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”

1 Cor. 1:30: “It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”

2 Cor. 5:21: “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

KREAD & REFLECT on the above Scriptures using the questions below:

- What do you notice about God in these passages?
- What does this teach us about “truth?”
- Is there a word, phrase, or verse that stood out to you? Why?
- How do these verses challenge or encourage you right now?

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. How does your understanding of the atonement humble you? How does it encourage you?
2. Why is it significant that when Jesus died on the cross, there were no Christians, followers, believers or disciples?
3. Do you see the cross as a symbol of what Jesus did for you or what the way of Jesus means to you?
4. How does the story of the thief on the cross fit into your theology?

RESET

- Faith without the cross leaves us breathless — trying to be “good enough.”
 - What difference does it make in your daily life to know that Jesus already paid the price and made you right with God? How can that truth reshape how you relate to others this week?

CLOSING PRAYER

- **Thank Jesus** for giving His life to rescue us and bring us peace.
- **Invite the group to pray** that we’d walk in the freedom of His finished work. Confess, where needed.
- **Ask God to help** your group live in light of the cross daily.