

**Theology: What the Bible says about the things that matter most**

Message #7 (7/28/13): The Work of Christ (What did Jesus Christ Accomplish?)

Key Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:21 (5:14-6:1); Philippians 2:5-11; John 15:1-17

**Questions:**

1. What from Sunday's sermon was most helpful or insightful?
2. In what ways has the sermon enabled you to appreciate Christ's Priestly role in atoning for you than you did before? (**see below for definition of Atonement**). Has it given you more or less confidence in the fact that your sins have actually been paid for by Christ?
3. Do you think it was fair for Christ to be your substitute and to pay your penalty? When you think about him acting as your substitute and dying for you, what attitude and emotion is called forth in your heart?
4. How does the representative obedience of Christ (His righteousness being imputed to you) factor into your understanding of Christ's work? Does the thought that Christ obeyed for you make you more confident in your sufficiency in Christ?
5. Do you think that Christ's sufferings were enough to pay for your sins? Are you willing to rely on his work to pay for all your sins? Do you think he is a sufficient Savior, worthy of your trust? When he invites you, "Come to me ... and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28), do you now trust him? Will you now and always rely on him with your whole heart for complete salvation?
6. Use 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 as a prayer focus - thanking God for Christ's substitutionary work (v. 21) **and** praying for your role as His Ambassador in communicating His work to those in your life that need to be reconciled to God (v. 20).

2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Sermon Details/Specifics:**

Atonement

"Atonement is the making of enemies into friends by averting the punishment that their sin would otherwise incur."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> From Erik Thoennes, *Life's Biggest Questions*.