

The History of Sin and Atonement

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Text: Genesis 3:1-24

Introduction: Today we will begin to answer a very basic question: "Why was the very blood of Jesus required to pay the due penalty for sin?"

Atonement:

- 1) The reconciliation of God and humankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ;
- 2) Reparation for an offense or injury.

The real story of Jesus begins in the book of Genesis.

- The first two chapters describe Jesus' acts of _____.
- The third chapter describes why Jesus ultimately needed to come to Earth to bring _____ to man, and what _____ would ultimately cost humanity, the serpent, and Jesus Himself.
- Two views of _____ are expressed in chapter three that we must properly choose between now if we are to truly discover the real Jesus!

The view of sin that Eve clearly understood God to express was that disobedience of God's command was so serious that it would inevitably lead to _____.

The view of sin that the serpent expressed was that disobedience to God's command would *not* lead to _____; that God was using His authority to unfairly deny humanity his rightful _____ and to thwart the full _____ of human potential.

The two views of sin expressed in Genesis 3 are at war in the world today in the fields of:

- _____ law.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____ policy.
- _____ policy—particularly in the area of matrimonial law.

If disobedience of God's commands is what *the serpent* claimed:

- We don't really have a _____ with God and don't need to be _____ with Him.
- We don't need to make _____ for any _____ toward God.

If disobedience of God's commands is what *God* has claimed:

- We all have been _____ from God by sin, and need to be _____ with Him.
- We all owe God a debt that it is impossible for us to _____.
- We all have a need for _____ to be made for our sins.

Conclusion: Do you believe that you have a need for atonement?