

Principles Of The Faith 10

Atonement, Resurrection & Ascension

Quick Overview

- ▶ **Atonement:** Deals with our sin and our sin nature. Jesus takes the wrath of God. Forgiveness of sins, death to sin, the power of the blood, cleansing from sin, dying to the Law, dying to this world, defeat of principalities and powers.
- ▶ **Resurrection:** New life, validation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, resurrection power, power for Christian living.
- ▶ **Ascension & Enthronement:** Spiritual gifts, Pentecost, “filling all things”, spoiling and captivity of the demonic world, the Great Commission, preparation for the Second Coming

Atonement

- ▶ Based on both the love of God and the justice of God.
- ▶ Jesus stands in our place bearing the wrath of God
- ▶ Because Jesus is God (and infinite) His death is fully adequate to pay for our sins once for all time. (Hebrews chapters 9 & 10)
- ▶ Contains ideas such as: A covering for sin, paying for sin, becoming right with God, reconciliation with God, being at peace with God, overcoming estrangement, removal of hostility, entering a state of blessedness and propitious living.
- ▶ Is God's idea and God's sovereign and gracious action
- ▶ Is accomplished through Jesus Christ and Christ alone

Some Common Questions

- ▶ Will everyone go to Heaven? (No, there is still a Hell)
- ▶ Was the ransom paid to Satan (God owes Satan nothing!)
- ▶ Did Jesus go to Hell? (No, He went to Hades)
- ▶ Why didn't God just forgive everyone (He needs to be just)
- ▶ Can't I just pay for my sins by doing enough good deeds? (No, you cannot consistently do good deeds without the power of the Holy Spirit and He will not dwell in you unless you are cleansed from sin first by the blood of Jesus. Besides all your righteous deeds are as filthy rags.)
- ▶ Does Christ suffer repeatedly for our sins (e.g. during Mass) – No He died “once for all”. Heb 7:27, 9:11-15, 10:10-14,

What The Blood Accomplished

- ▶ **Eternal Life:** John 6:53-56; Ephesians 2:6; 1 Peter 1:4
- ▶ **Abiding in Christ:** John 6:53-56
- ▶ **Purchased For God:** Acts 20:28, 1 Pet 1:18,19; Eph 1:14, Rev 5:9
- ▶ **We are made righteous, justified:** Romans 5:9, 1 Corinthians 5:7, Exodus 12:6-13; Hebrews 10:29, 13:12). This means that through the blood of Jesus Christ we can appropriate all the blessings that flow to the righteous including boldness (Proverbs 28:1), peace, quietness and assurance (Isaiah 32:17) and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17).
- ▶ **Our bodies are purchased for God:** 1 Cor 6:13-19; Rom 12:1,2
- ▶ **Washed from our sins:** 1 John 1:7-9; Rev 1:5

What Happened - 2

- ▶ **We are made holy (sanctified).** Heb 10:29; 13:12; Ex 12:12-13; 1 Cor 5:7; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 John 1:7; Col 1:21,22
- ▶ **Forgiveness of Sin:** Matt 26:28; Eph 1:7; Heb 9:12,28; 10:10
- ▶ **Clean Conscience:** Heb 9:14; Isa 64:6
- ▶ **Died to the Law:** Rom 7:4-6, Gal 2:19-21, 3:13
- ▶ **Boldness & Confidence:** Heb 10:19-23, Rom 5:1,2; Eph 3:12;
- ▶ **Victory :** Col 2:13-15; Rev 12:11; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Heb 2:14
- ▶ **Peace & Reconciliation:** Rom 5:10; Col 1:20; Eph 2:16
- ▶ **Spiritual Unity In Christ:** Eph 2:13,14; Rev 5:9,10

Resurrection

- ▶ Matt: 28:1-20, Mark 16:1-8; Lk 24:1-53 Jn 20:1-21:25
- ▶ 1 Cor 15:1-58
- ▶ A physical bodily resurrection, the body that went into the grave was the same body that came out of the grave
- ▶ Resurrection body had many similarities (could eat, drink, had nail scars) and some differences (appear, disappear, pass through walls, vanish etc) Lk 24:31,36; Jn 20:19,26
- ▶ An Indestructible Life: Hebrews 7:16
- ▶ The resurrection body is spiritual, immortal, indestructible, imperishable, and suited for life in the heavenly realms.

Resurrection & the Trinity

- ▶ **Father:** Acts 2:24,32; 3:26; 4:10; 5:30; 13:30,34,37; Rom 6:4; 1 Cor 6:14; Gal 1:1; Eph 1:20
- ▶ **Son:** John 10:17-18; 2:19-21
- ▶ **Spirit:** Romans 8:11
- ▶ Overwhelmingly the resurrection is seen as an initiative of the Father.
- ▶ The resurrection attests to Jesus as the Son of God – Rom 1:4
- ▶ Showed Christ's work was accepted Phil 2:8,9

Resurrection - Significance

- ▶ New Life: Romans 6:4
- ▶ Justification: Romans 4:25
- ▶ Intercession: Romans 8:34
- ▶ Salvation: Romans 10:9
- ▶ Our Resurrection: Rom 6:5, 1 Cor 6:14, 15:1-58; 2 Cor 4:14
- ▶ Consecration: 2 Cor 5:14,15
- ▶ Positional Authority: Eph 2:6, Col 3:1
- ▶ Solid Faith: 1 Peter 1:21
- ▶ Power: Philippians 3:11
- ▶ Hope: 1 Peter 1:3
- ▶ A Good Conscience: 1 Peter 3:21



Ascension

- ▶ In order to "fill all things": Eph 4:10
- ▶ Ascended into a "place" Jn 14:2-3
- ▶ Above the heavens – Eph 1:20-21
- ▶ Taken up in glory: 1 Tim 3:16, Heb 1:4; Rev 5:12; Jn 17:5
- ▶ God's Right Hand: Ps. 110:1; Heb 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22, Acts 2:33; 7:56;
- ▶ Ascended in a bodily way out of their sight: Acts 1:9-11
- ▶ Ascends until He returns! (Ps. 110)
- ▶ Spoils the principalities and powers : Eph 4 and Col 2
- ▶ Authority to wrestle with them: Eph 6:12; 2 Cor 10:4
- ▶ No longer under the "stoichea" Col 2:8-23, Gal 4:1-10



We Are Now Citizens of Heaven

- ▶ Heavenly Zion: Heb 12:18ff
- ▶ Citizens of Heaven: Eph 2:19; Phil 3:20; Heb 11:10,16
- ▶ Seated in Heavenly Realms : Eph 2:6
- ▶ Life Hidden With Christ In God: Col 3:1-4; 1 Jn 3:1-4
- ▶ Greater Than OT Saints: Matt 11:11-13



Outpouring Of The Spirit

- ▶ (John 14:12 NKJV) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
- ▶ (John 16:7 NRSV) Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
- ▶ (Acts 1:4-5 NKJV) And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; {5}"for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- ▶ (Acts 2:31-33 NRSV) Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." {32} This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. {33} Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear.
- ▶ (Acts 11:15-16 NKJV) "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. {16} "Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

