

The Incomparable Christ

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Chapter 23 -- The Atoning Work of Christ

What was the purpose of Christ's life?

HIS DEATH. [P. 226, 2ND FULL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

What key element is missing from the theories of atonement?

SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH. [P. 226, LAST PARTIAL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

What three elements must exist for the atonement to be taught accurately?

- EXPLANATION MUST START WITH GOD.
- OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICES MUST BE INTERPRETED ACCURATELY.
- THE FULL MEANING OF THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE. [P. 228, 1ST FULL ¶]

What figures does the Holy Spirit use to teach us of the work of atonement?

MORAL CHARACTER; COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION; LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE; MEDICINAL; SACRIFICIAL. [PP. 228-229]

What is the only acceptable explanation of the atonement?

SUBSTITUTIONARY OR VICARIOUS ATONEMENT. [P. 230, 1ST FULL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

What does substitution mean?

"THE SAVING OF ONE LIFE BY THE LOSS OF ANOTHER." [P. 230, 2ND FULL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

What illustration did Jesus use to teach of the substitution? (hint: John 12.24)

THE GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLING TO THE GROUND AND

DYING. [P. 230, 3RD FULL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

What two principles exist in the atonement?

LOVE & JUSTICE. [P. 230, 4TH FULL ¶, 2ND SENTENCE]

To what three specific passages does the author point to the teaching of Christ's substitutionary atonement? Please summarize these passages.

2 CORINTHIANS 5.21; GALATIANS 3.13; 1 PETER 2.22, 24; CHRIST BORE OUR SIN PROVIDING US SALVATION. [P. 231, AFTER 1ST FULL ¶]

What are the only two alternatives concerning the judgment of sin?

EITHER CHRIST BEARS THE BURDEN, OR WE DO. [P. 233, 2ND FULL ¶, 2ND & 3RD SENTENCES]

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astute -- discerning

bafflement -- amazement

expiatory -- atoning

metaphysical -- abstract, intellectual

panacea -- medicine

preconceived -- biased assumption from which a person reaches an opinion

self-oblation -- self-sacrifice

theologia crucis - theologia lucis -- theology of the cross; theology of Light

vicariousness -- substitution