

THE ATONEMENT BETWEEN GOD AND MAN
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1.0 Introduction – Volume 5

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 Preface – explains why the author wrote the book
- 2.2 Introduction – tells the reader what they are going to read about
- 2.3 Foreword – defends the credibility of the book

3.0 Pre-October 1, 1916 History (partial)

- 3.1 Original Prefaces – specific to each volume when first written
- 3.2 “Common preface” for all 6 volumes – 1904-1916

4.0 October 1, 1916 Foreword to Volume 5 – four focal points

- 4.1 Defends (affirmation) of Volume 5 (R2551-2552)
- 4.2 Identifies Ransom price as core of Vol.5 - Ransom implies restitution (Matt.18:11)
- 4.3 Alerts readers – read original text with more precise language (R5879)
Study 15: Ransom provided, not yet paid; Adamic race not yet purchased(R5891)
- 4.4 Restates fundamentals of ransom price & its application using precise language
Lk.23:46 (deposit); Heb.9:24 & Rom.5:11 (imputation); Heb.7:22 (surety);
Eph.1:13-14 (purchase & pay); 1 Cor.15:24 (restored race given back to God)

5.0 What is the Atonement? Reconciliation. Reestablishing God’s relationship with man.

The word “atonement” is used in two ways (Lev.16:17)

Result achieved. Process used to get to the result.

- 5.1 Understanding atonement – God’s original contract with man (Hos.6:7; E27:1)
Benefits for compliance: Godly image of life; & earthly dominion (Gen.1:26)
Penalties for breach (disobedience): Death & dying (Gen.2:16-17; Rom.7:10)
- 5.2 Two problems arose from Adam’s broken relationship with God - legal & personal
Immediate loss of God-given right (privilege) of eternal life and earthly dominion
Character damage (physical, mental, moral) over time (Gen.2:17; Gen.5:5)
- 5.3 Atonement fixes both aspects of man’s broken relationship with God (E20:1;27:1)
Right the wrong – legal fix – keep justice satisfied – sprinkle book (Heb.9:19,23)
Bring separated ones into accord – personal fix – sprinkle people (Heb.9:19, 23)
Atonement – the legal fix; At-one-ment – the personal fix

6.0 Why & how Tabernacle Shadows is the “sequel” to Volume 5

The Volume 5 “textbook” explains the atonement (including ransom & sin-offering)
Tabernacle Shadows provides the illustrations to the Volume 5 textbook

7.0 Principal Bible atonement questions answered by the sixteen studies in Volume 5

- 7.1 1904-1916 common foreword explains why SITS were structured as “studies”
- Each study was designed to answer 1+ questions on a particular Bible topic
 - The concept envisioned a person posing one or more topical questions
 - Another directs the questioner to one or more of the “studies” to read
 - Then the two discuss the topic

7.2 Suggested topical questions answered by the 16 studies in Volume 5:

1. What is Atonement about? Which view of Atonement is correct?
2. Who is God? How are both God and Jesus saviors and gods? Is there a trinity?
3. Who is Jesus? Where did he come from? How are God and Jesus related?
4. How could imperfect Mary bear a perfect human son?
5. Don't some scriptures teach that Jesus had infirmities and thus was imperfect?
6. How can childless Jesus be an everlasting Father? (Isa.9:6) Who are God's children?
7. Who and what is the Son of Man so prominently spoken of in the Bible?
8. What is the holy spirit? How does it contribute to atonement in different ways over time?
9. What must Christ do (world later) to receive the holy spirit? How do we know if we have it?
10. How does the holy spirit give one a new (sound) mind and a godlike character?
11. Don't a lot of scriptures teach that the HS is a person? Please explain these texts.
12. Is man infused with immortality? What is a soul? What is hell? What happens at death?
13. What is difference between atonement for the church and atonement for the world?
14. What problems resulted from man's sin? How does atonement fix these problems?
15. What is the ransom? How does it contribute to atonement for the church and world?
16. Who is involved in reconciling man to God? How do they do it?

8.0 Summary

8.1 Volume 5 addresses three principal points:

- a. God's original harmonious legal & personal covenant relationship with man
- b. The temporary fracturing & loss of that relationship & its legal & personal effects
- c. The re-establishment of God's original legal & personal relationship with man

8.2 Atonement and at-one-ment restore the original God-man covenant relationship

8.3 The duty & privilege of The Christ to be ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor.5:18)