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Christ's Atonement

(Christ's image of His Father)

The atoning work of Christ is expressed in a number of words. Below are listed three words that are important to understanding what “atonement” is:

Substitution: Christ was crucified as a substitute for us. If the death of Jesus Christ was not a substitute for us then the sin problem would never have been solved.

Covenant: The New Covenant is one of inner power, based not on a law but on a free, redeemed relationship with God. There are many “promises” in the Bible but remember a covenant is an agreement between two parties. When we agree with God and accept His “free gift” then we are in covenant with Him and we have a relationship with Him.

Sacrifice: The mission of Jesus was to sacrifice His living and His life. Both His living and His life were dedicated to God.

A Believer's Forgiveness

(Believer's image of his Savior)

A believer's act of forgiveness is expressed in a number of words. Below are listed three words that are important to understanding what “forgiveness” is:

Substitution: When we forgive we are substituting our own feelings of hurt and replace them with a feeling of love and compassion for the other person. If we are not willing to substitute our own self interest for the other person then the forgiveness problem is not solved.

Covenant: When we forgive someone we feel the inner power of the Holy Spirit working in us. If the injured person freely accepts our forgiveness then we are set free and it brings the person who was estranged from us into a relationship with us.

Sacrifice: The mission of a believer is to be a “living sacrifice” and care for the well being of others. To do this we must be dedicated to living like Jesus. (Romans 12:1)

“We follow in the steps of Christ”

