

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Atonement – Part 5

Review

Summary of Theories

Latin Theories: Godward Focus.

- Anselm's Satisfaction: Punishment averted.
- Penal Substitution: Punishment absorbed.

Classical Theories: Satanward Focus.

- Ransom to Satan: Christ bought humanity free from evil.
- Christus Victor: Christ defeated Satan to free humanity.

Subjective theories: Humanward Focus.

- Moral Influence: Affection — the cross overcoming our mistrust.
- Example: Imitation — the cross ordering our desires.
- Scapegoat: Unmasking — taking the power of scapegoating.

Cont. Evaluation of Subjective Theories.

- (-) If it is only "Subjective" does it truly make a _____?
- (-) Is it truly _____?
- (-) Is this ultimately salvation by _____?

- (+) High emphasis on _____ as part of salvation.
- (+) God is not bound within a system, but is able to _____ forgive.
- (+) Puts in centre: God's love is not _____ or _____, but the motivating force of everything.

Recapitulation Theory

Basic Premises

- Key Proponent: Irenaeus

- Mostly head in _____ Church
- Called “Christ _____”

Premise 1: Ancient thinkers thought _____, rather than individualistically.

- Wheeler Robinson: “Corporate _____”
- McKnight: “Atonement […far too often] is shaped entirely into an _____ acceptance of salvation.”

Premise 2: Premise 2: Adam is humanity’s corporate head.

- 1 Cor 15:21-22 “For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die,…” (ESV)
- Genesis 3:19 “By the sweat of your face _____ shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it _____ were taken; for you are dust, and to dust _____ shall return.” (ESV)
- Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned (Romans 5:12, NIV)
- Because we are truly united to Adam, we are united with him in his corruption and mortality.

Premise 3: In the _____ Christ united himself to humanity to become its new head.

- Athanasius: “God became _____ so that we might become what He is.”
- Jesus _____ the life of Adam (and Israel).
- 1 Cor 15:45-50 – 45 So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The _____ was of the dust of the earth; the _____ is of heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

- Irenaeus: Jesus undid “that disobedience which took place at the _____ by that obedience which was accomplished on a _____.” (Against Heresies V, 29.1.)

- Ephesians 1:10 (ESV): “as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things _____, things in heaven and things on earth.”

Premise 4: Salvation is _____.

- Calvin Institutes 3.2.30: “But how can there be saving faith except in so far as it _____ us into the body of Christ.”

- Luther: “And if they are one flesh and there is between them a true marriage… it follows that everything they have they hold _____, the good as well as the evil.”

- John Calvin: Therefore, that joining together of Head and members, that indwelling of Christ in our hearts-in short, that mystical union—are accorded by us the highest degree of importance, so that Christ, having been made ours, makes us sharers with him in the gifts with which he has been endowed. We do not, therefore, contemplate him _____ ourselves from afar in order that his righteousness may be imputed to us but because we put on Christ and are engrafted into bis body- in short, because be deigns to make us one with him?

- In Christ, who is our new head, all that is his _____!

Premise 5: Union with Christ is lived out through _____ and experienced through Christian _____.

- Luther “Faith _____ and _____ Christ, the Son of God, who was given for us…. When he has been grasped by faith with have righteousness and life. (Luther’s Works, Vol 26,177)

- Baptism symbolizes our _____ from Adam into Christ.

    - Galatians 3:27 “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have _____ yourselves with Christ.”

    - Romans 6:3-4 - “Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

- Communion is a way to continually practice union.

- 1 Cor 10:16 — Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a _____ in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a _____ in the body of Christ?

"For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." — Colossians 3:3