Bibliography of Books


McKnight, Scot. *Jesus and His Death Historiography, the Historical Jesus, and Atonement Theory.* Waco: Baylor, 2005


Annotated Bibliography of Articles


The author in this lengthy article takes a deep look at the penal satisfaction theory of the atonement from a critical perspective. The article concludes with the author suggesting that the information he presents be further studied and presented in practical ways so as to help with some of the confusion brought about by the penal satisfaction theory.


The author of this article simply compiles a list of quotations about the atonement. The quotations are from Scripture, authors, church leaders and others.

The author in this article deals with atonement from the perspective of human atonement. She follows the line of thinking that at-one-ment with God comes from the ability to forgive yourself of your past wrongs.


The author presents a study of the vicarious nature of the humanity of Jesus. He goes on to present that humanity has been invited to participate in the Godward movement of the Son to the Father and thus experience his uniqueness and the openness to the beauty of God’s creation.


The author in this article attempts to briefly look at the issue of atonement. He shares that most evangelicals often cite the “penal substitution” theory of atonement as the only one. He goes on to share that this is a limiting view, and instead offers an addendum to this that Jesus’ death shows us the need to lose our self-centeredness and serve others.


The author attempts to answer the question of why Jesus had to die. She goes on to briefly list some of the various atonement theories and their shortcomings. She basically just informs the reader of the complexity of the issue of atonement and suggests that the reader delves in and research the topic more fully.


The author of this article seeks to answer the question of what the idea of atonement might mean to us today. She seems to say that atonement is not a legal status, but rather she implies that it is a spiritual state of being.


The author in this article is briefly relaying information that 3 of the most prominent Christian groups in Great Britain have ended their partnership because they have disagreement over the nature of the atonement. He shares that one of the leaders of this partnership expressed it well by explaining that they did not feel the nature of the atonement was something that could be argued over.

The author in this article explains how it is hard for us to comprehend what Jesus did in the atonement by comparing His work to that of a secretary who disrupted the societal norms of a university. He then shares how Jesus’ work of atonement is right. He shows that Jesus changed the world through the atonement.


The author of this article admits that the doctrine of atonement is a difficult thing to grasp, and he goes on to share his own personal struggles with this doctrine given his Reformed tradition. He goes on to share that this doctrine is one that can and should be preached and taught if leaders are willing to do the work in the Word to understand it.