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# Our Salvation

A Systematic Study of Soteriology



# 1. The Supremacy of Christ's Death

## A. The Cause of Salvation

**Romans 5:9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.



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## B. Necessary for Salvation

**Matthew 26:39** And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."



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## C. Sin's "Atonement"

- OT: *kaphar* (165xs)

"to cover" / "to smear" / "to pardon"

**Daniel 9:24** "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness"



# 1. The Supremacy of Christ's Death

## D. Its Centrality

**1 Corinthians 2:2**

For I do not know anything among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

**Galatians 6:14**

But far be it from me to boast

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crucifixion

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**Colossians**

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**1 Cor.**

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the gospel, and not with words of

eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of

Christ be emptied of its power.

**1 Cor. 15:3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures

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## 2. Theories of the Atonement

### A. A Ransom to Satan

- Satan Holds People Captive



Origen (3<sup>rd</sup> century)

*“Now it was the devil that held us, to whose side we had been drawn away by our sins. He asked, therefore, as our price the blood of Christ”*

**2 Timothy 2:25** God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, **26** and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.



## 2. Theories of the Atonement

### A. A Ransom to Satan

- Satan Holds People Captive
- Christ's Death Pays Satan to Release Us



Origen (3<sup>rd</sup> century)

**Mark 10:45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom [*lutron* – a price to be freed] for many.”



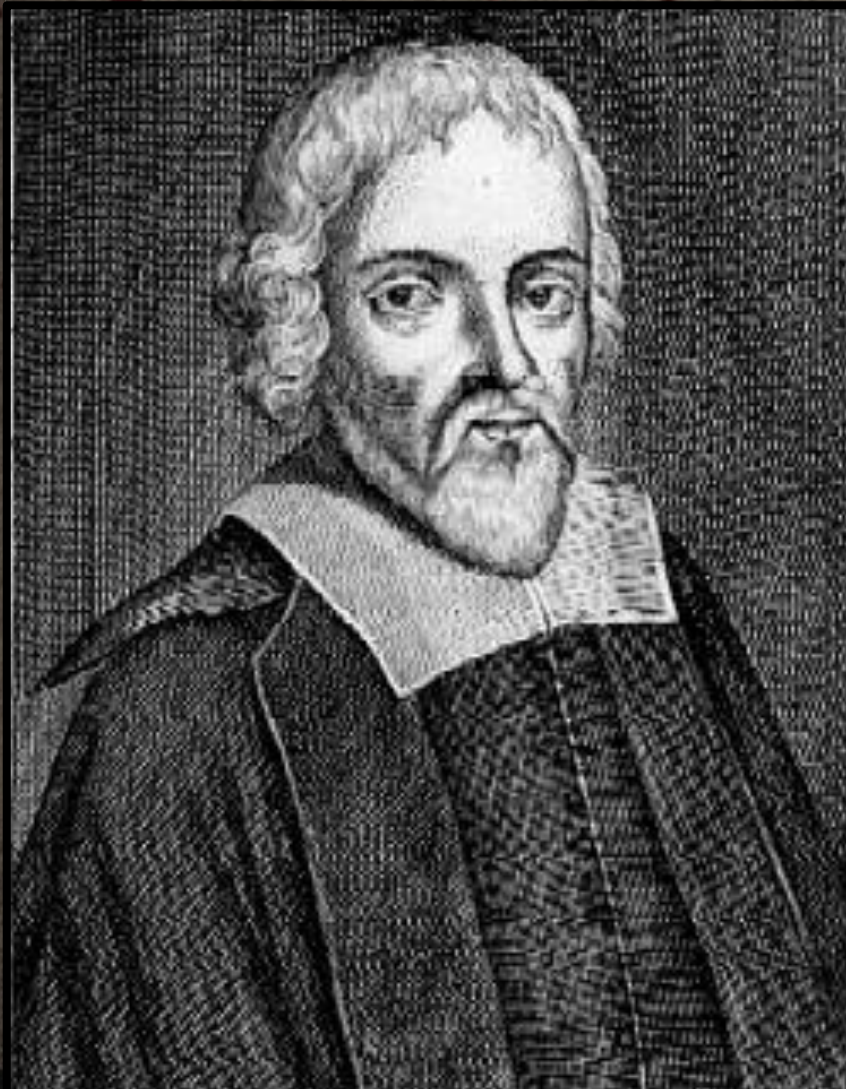




## 2. Theories of the Atonement

### B. A Moral Example

- Christ's Death = e.g.: of Faith & Obedience
- We are to Follow His Example
- Following His e.g. is Sin's Solution



Socinus (16<sup>th</sup> century)

**Luke 22:42**

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

**1 Peter 2:21**

For Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps.

**1 Peter 4:1**

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin







## 2. Theories of the Atonement

### C. A Moral Influence

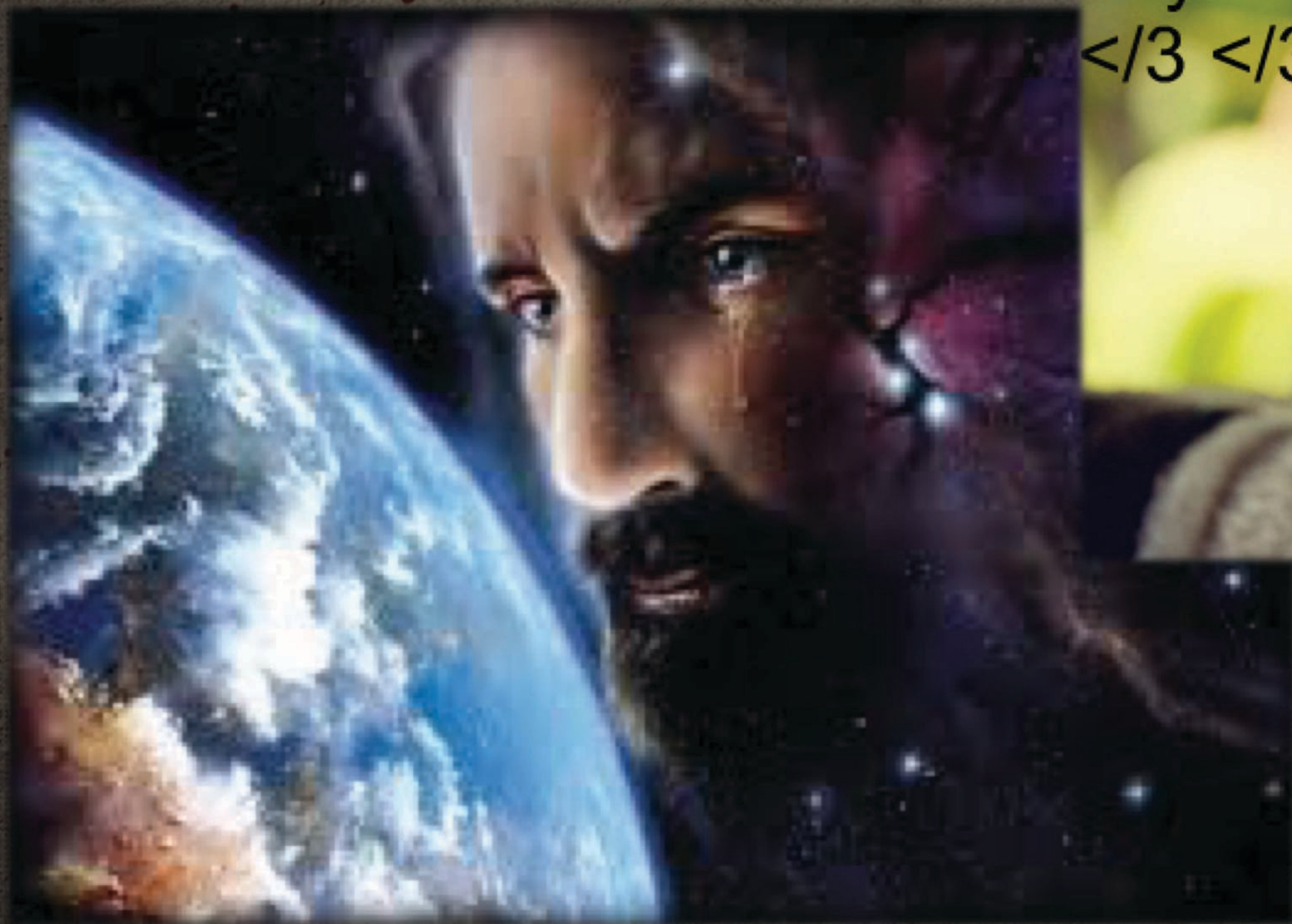
- Christ's Death = A Demonstration of Love
- “God Loves You This Much”
- Don't be Afraid, God REALLY Loves You
- Sin is “Painful to God”
- Let his sorrow draw you to improve



Abelard (12<sup>th</sup> century)

**Romans 5:8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.





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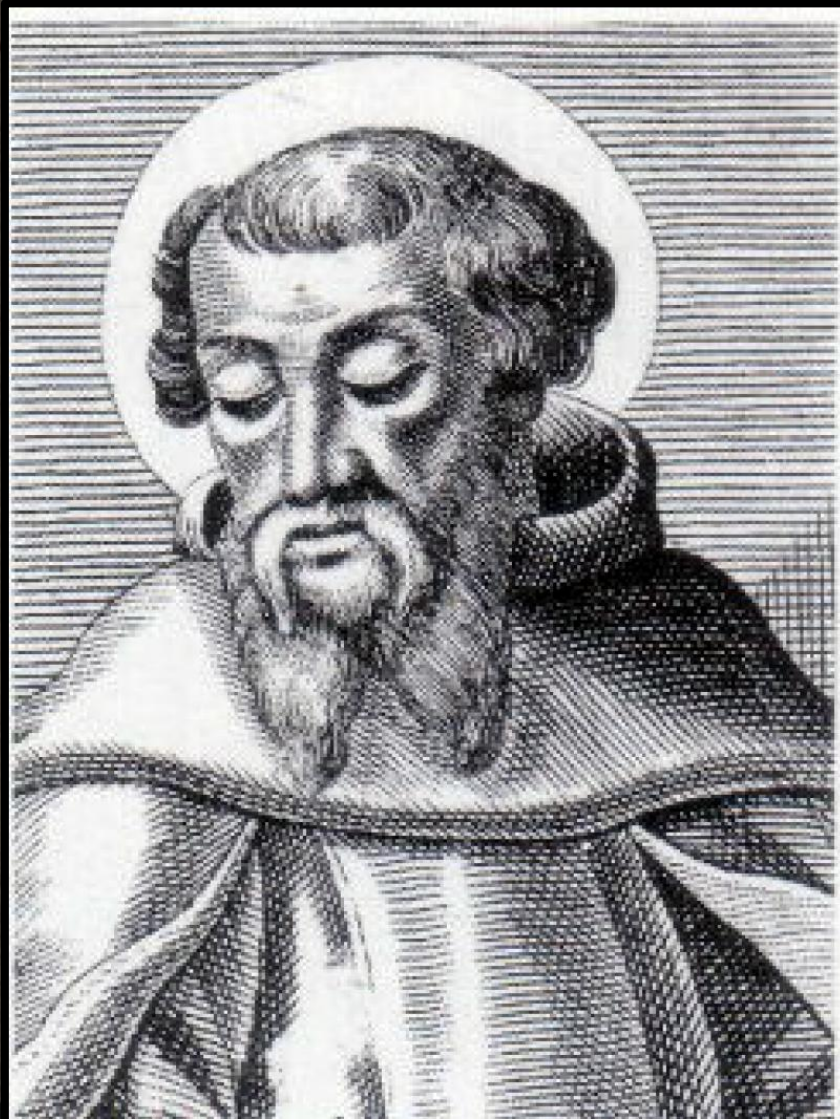
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## 2. Theories of the Atonement

### D. A Relived / Recapitulated Life



Irenaeus (2<sup>nd</sup> century)

- Christ lived life as it should be lived
- Christ relived life as the “second Adam”
- Saving work was in the life he lived for us

*“Christ passed through every stage of life, restoring to all communion with God.”*

#### **1 Corinthians 15:45**

Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.



## 2. Theories of the Atonement

### E. A Governmental or Token Payment

- An Emblematic Expression of God's Displeasure Re: Sin
- An "Offer in Compromise" to Settle the Problem of Sin
- Token Payment Accepted to Set Aside the Law's Requirements



Grotius (17<sup>th</sup> century)



## 2. Theories of the Atonement

### F. A Satisfaction of God's Honor

- Payment to Satisfy God's "Honor"
- Sin Dishonored God's Moral Dignity
- Satisfaction "Relational" vs. "Legal"
- God Restored His Own Honor Himself in the Person of Christ



Anselm (11<sup>th</sup> century)



# 2. Theories of the Atonement

## G. A Legal Substitution



### 3. Important NT Words

#### A. “*anti*”

- “For” / “In the Place Of”

**Mark 10:45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for (*anti*) many.”



### 3. Important NT Words

#### B. “*huper*”

- “For” / “For the Benefit Of”

**John 10:11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for (*huper*) sheep.

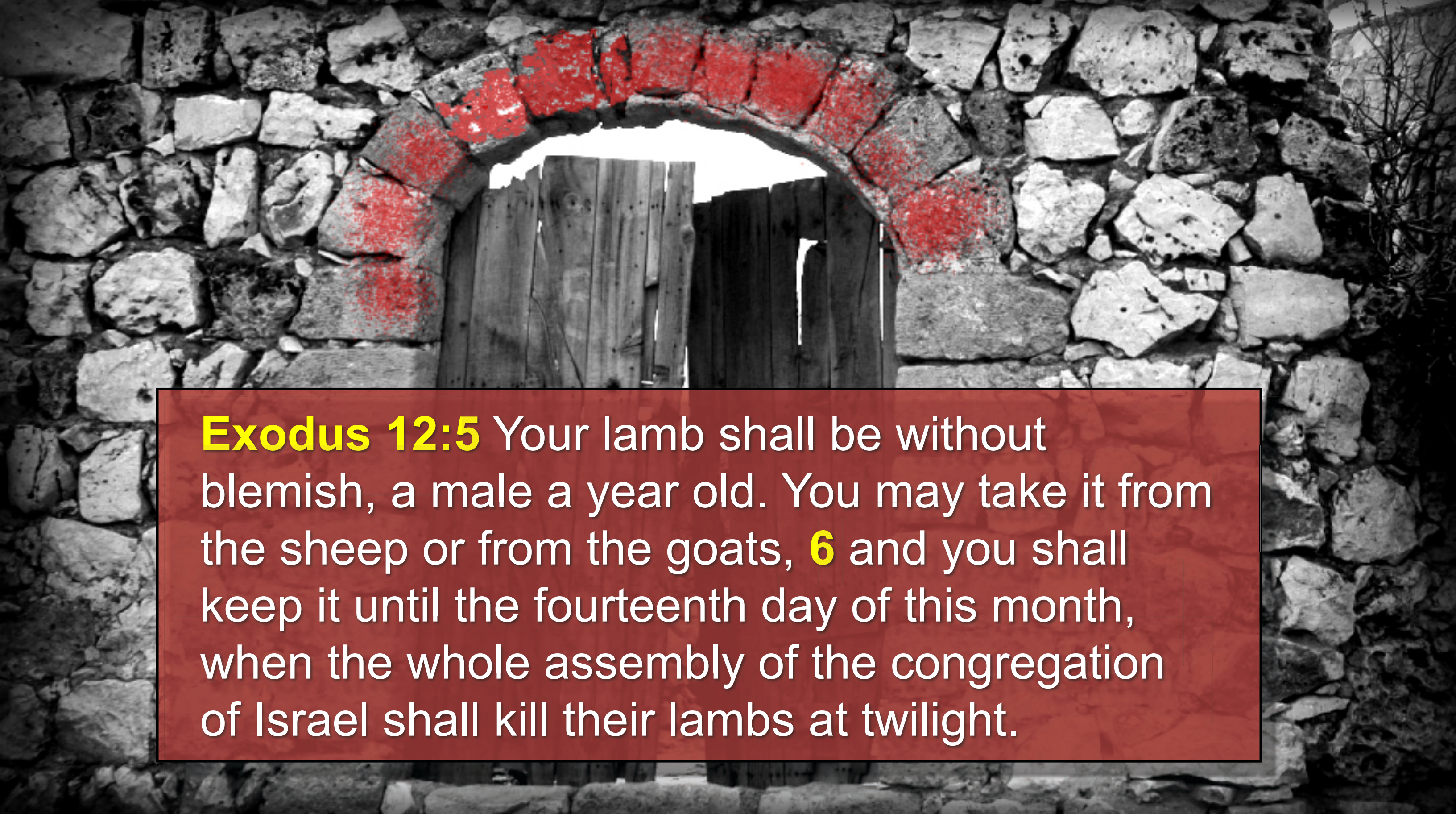
**1 Thessalonians 5:9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for (*huper*) us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.



# 4. The Old Testament Picture

## A. The Innocent in Place of the Guilty



A black and white photograph of a stone archway with a wooden door. The arch is constructed from rough-hewn stones. A vibrant red powder or paint is applied to the stones forming the arch, creating a striking contrast with the grayscale background. The wooden door is partially open, revealing a bright white light behind it.


**Exodus 12:5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, **6** and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.





**Leviticus 1:3** “If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.”





**1 Corinthians 5:7** Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.



## 1 Peter 1:18

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.





# 4. The Old Testament Picture

## B. A Transfer of Guilt

**Leviticus 1:4** He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.







**John 1:29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”



# 4. The Old Testament Picture

## C. Christological Prophecies

Isaiah 53





# 5. Important NT Descriptions

## A. “Sacrifice”

**Hebrews 9:13** For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer

sanctify for the purification of the flesh, will the blood of Christ, who through the offered himself without blemish to God, conscience from dead works to serve the

**15** Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promise of the inheritance, since a death has occurred to redeem us from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

**Matthew 26:28**

this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.



# 5. Important NT Descriptions

## B. “Propitiation”

- A suitable payment (satisfying God’s justice)

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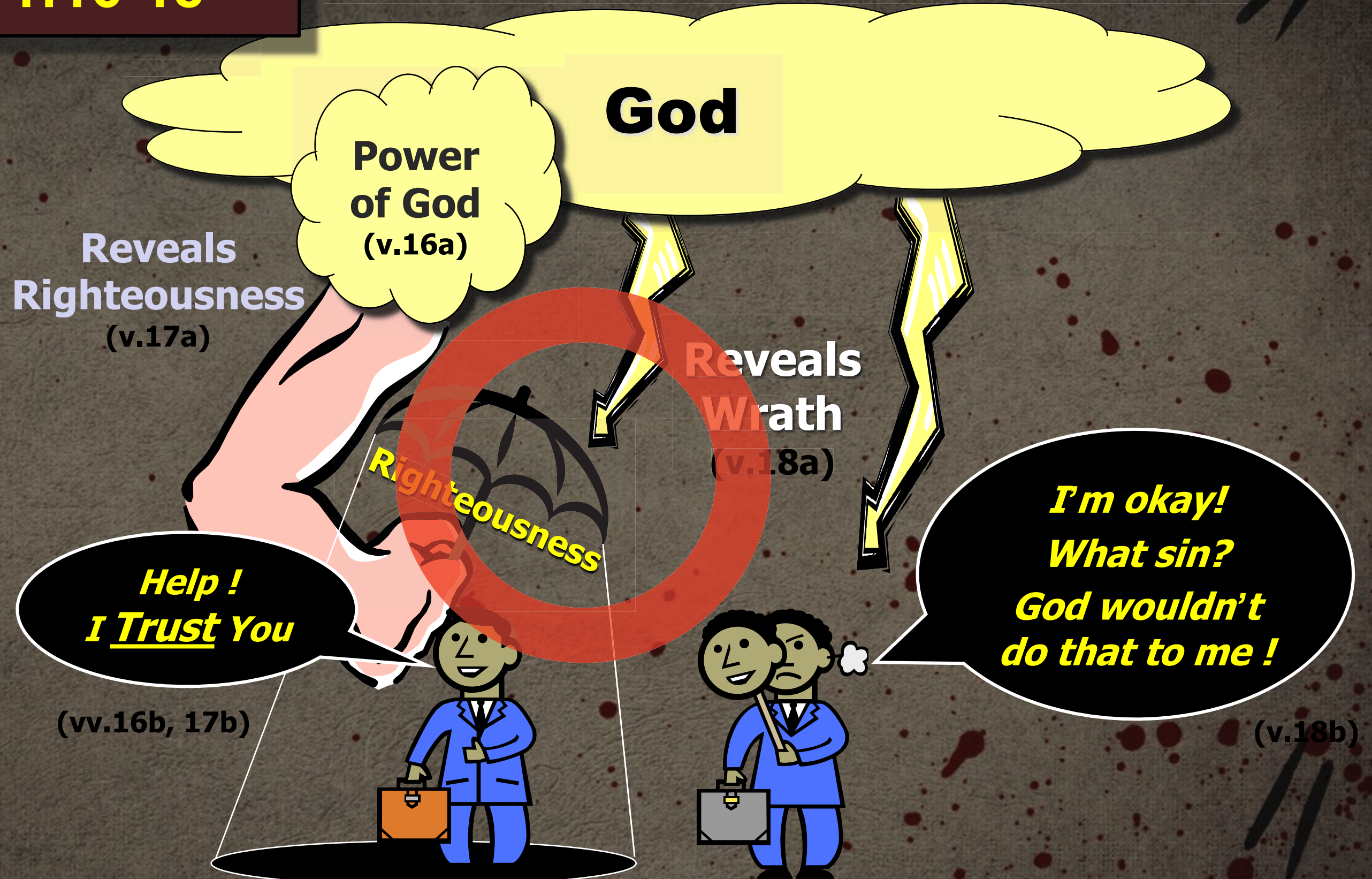
**Romans 3:25**

whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**26** It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



# Romans 1:16-18





# 5. Important NT Descriptions

## C. “Redemption”

### 1) *Agorazo*

- To make a purchase in the slave market
- Depicts “Ownership”

**1 Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, **20** for you were bought (*agorazo*) with a price. So glorify God in your body.



# 5. Important NT Descriptions

## C. “Redemption”

### 2) *Exagorazo*

- To purchase out of the slave market
- Depicts “Deliverance” (not subject to resale)

**Galatians 3:13** Christ redeemed [*exagorazo*] us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”



# 5. Important NT Descriptions

## C. “Redemption”

### 3) *Lutrao*

- To set free by paying a ransom
- Depicts “Freedom” to serve a new Master

**Titus 2:13** waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem [*lutrao*] us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.



# 5. Important NT Descriptions

## D. “Reconciliation”

- A State of Alienation Changed
- A Barrier Removed to Unite Two Parties

**Romans 5:10** For if while we were

enemies, by the blood of Christ we have now been reconciled to God.  
**2 Cor. 5:18** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.





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