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BS 6008 ATONEMENT

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2. Separate page & heading for each new section, capitalized at top center of that page SUMMARY, PRECIS, PAPER
3. All papers are to be typed with .5" margins using font & size: Calibri 11 pt. Summaries and book reports are to be double-spaced
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COURSE ASSIGNMENT: 6008 ATONEMENT

Textbook

A Community Called Atonement (Scot McKnight)

ISBN: 978-0687645541

Summary

Over the centuries the church developed a number of metaphors, such as penal substitution or the ransom theory, to speak about Christ's death on the cross and the theological concept of the atonement. Yet too often, says Scot McKnight, Christians have held to the supremacy of one metaphor over against the others, to their detriment. He argues instead that to plumb the rich theological depths of the atonement, we must consider all the metaphors of atonement and ask whether they each serve a larger purpose.

A Community Called Atonement is a constructive theology that not only values the church's atonement metaphors but also asserts that the atonement fundamentally shapes the life of the Christian and of the church. That is, Christ identifies with humans to call us into a community that reflects God's love (the church)--but that community then has the responsibility to offer God's love to others through missional practices of justice and fellowship, living out its life together as the story of God's reconciliation. Scot McKnight thus offers an accessible, thought-provoking theology of atonement that engages the concerns of those in the emerging church conversation and will be of interest to all those in the church and academy who are listening in.

1. WATCH

- Intro to Atonement: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhTWKUlvnDQ>
- Sacrificial System: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=As41o3JP5aQ>
- The Exodus Motif: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4EGtXLWLag>
- The Day of Atonement: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFHOt-jdXh0>
- Isaiah 53: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbMYorr8noY>
- Atonement in the Gospels and Acts: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Xpmd_BIFPo
- Atonement in Romans: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leCuehJN8jY>
- Atonement in Hebrews: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkvA3S6LeQM>
- Jesus Died for Us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRSqtE13v5k>
- Legal Atonement Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JunsVI2eg7E>
- Legal Atonement Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bsBnYleBj4>
- Atonement History and the Early Church: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGpcD875CjY>
- Atonement Conclusion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TajRVjQx0Xs>

2. PRECIS

- Write a 1-page reflection for each of the 13 lecture videos containing your thoughts, take aways, and major points of the atonement discussion. Combine all 13 into one document.

3. WRITE

- Write a paper on one of the following topics:
 - Write on an atonement theory from chapters 11-14 in *Community called Atonement*
 - Show how multiple theories can work together
 - Select a book/letter of the Bible and explain how atonement is communicated within it.
 - How does atonement shape our lives as disciples today? (See chapters 15-19 in *Community called Atonement*)

- Minimum pages and citations according to degree work per degree:
 - Associate & Bachelor: 3
 - Master: 5
 - Doctorate: 8

DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDENTS DISSERTATION THEORY ASSIGNMENT:

- [Doctor of Theology](#)—ThD (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Education](#)—DCE (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Counseling](#)—DCC (*Requires a Dissertation*)

ASSIGNMENT DISSERTATION THEORY:

Choose your view of Atonement and defend it in 10 pages citing at least 20 sources and proposing at least one idea or argument as original as possible. The first page should separately represent your objectives and abstract for the following project.

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Course Summary

The doctrine of Jesus' atonement for us has been at the heart of Christian theology for all of church history. In this course we'll examine historical and modern views of atonement theory through both a Biblical theology and systematic lens. Much of the focus of the modern western atonement school has been on justice, legal, and appeasement views of the atonement. When we look at the eastern church and the church fathers, they have a very different view of atonement centered around healing and the restoration of the calling to image God.

Scot McKnight explains atonement as a bag of golf clubs. He states that you wouldn't use the same club for every shot in a game of golf. Likewise, the biblical authors are not using "one club" when they speak of Jesus' atoning work on the cross. Join us as we study through the entire lens of scripture, connecting the Old and New Covenants, and how they define the work of Christ and the cross. We pray this course will bring you into a deeper understanding of the grace of God and produce a missional spirit within you as we live out our lives as disciples of Jesus imaging our Father.