

APPL/THEO 577: TOTAL ATONEMENT TRINITARIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE RECONCILIATION OF HUMANITY AND CREATION

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May 10 – 14; 1:30 – 4:30 pm

1 or 2 graduate credit hours; or 1 audit hour

Live online & Recorded

COURSE DESCRIPTION

"Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou my God should'st die for me?" We rightly sing these words written by Charles Wesley with wonder and deep emotion. But is the doctrine of the atonement coherent? Can it stand the critiques of our age? The course Total Atonement will in part be a defence of the atonement but mostly it will offer a constructive consideration of this doctrine which is so crucial to Christian faith and devotion. We will re-imagine the "apprehended mystery" of the atonement in light of the triune nature of God and the person and work of the incarnate Christ. We will propose participation as a theory or framework of atonement that holds all the models within it. This involves God's participation in humanity in order that humans might participate in God. This invites a total approach to the mystery of the atonement, that is, one that involves the whole Trinity, the whole person and history of Christ, and all the biblical motifs and theological models of atonement—including penal substitution (properly nuanced to overcome its caricatures). We will also examine the scope of the atonement in light of these Trinitarian, incarnational realities. It is our hope that this course will enhance your appreciation of the depth and width of the atonement, embolden your proclamation of the cross, and renew your worship and devotion to the One who lived and died and rose again for you.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should have a clearer understanding of:

1. Have an overall grasp of the key biblical narrative and texts concerning the atonement
2. Gain an understanding of the various approaches in the traditions of East and West with regard to the atonement
3. Appreciate the importance of the doctrine of creation in the doctrine of redemption
4. Appreciate the fact that the atonement ultimately lies within the *person* of the Lord Jesus Christ, which cannot be separated from his work
5. Gain an understanding of how atonement accomplished is applied subjectively within human experience
6. Develop pastoral insights from the nature of the atonement for preaching, the sacraments and personal counsel
7. Develop a profound worshipful eucharistic orientation towards the Christ who saves us by his incarnation, vicarious life, substitutionary, sacrificial death, victorious resurrection, ascension and ongoing priesthood.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 May 10 Classification and Overview of the Motifs; Atonement Accomplished: The Ontological and the Juridical Creation *and* Redemption; Atonement in the *Person* of Christ

Day 2 May 11 Atonement Accomplished: in the *Triune* God; in the *person* of Christ

Day 3 May 12 Atonement Eternal: in the *priesthood* of Christ

Day 4 May 13 Atonement Applied: Theosis, Justification, Sanctification; Glorification

Day 5 May 14 Atonement Applied: Election and the Assurance of Salvation

REQUIRED TEXTS

See syllabus for full bibliography and required texts.

Please Note: This Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses. The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information. A full syllabus with drop deadlines, policies, and course assignment details is available on Moodle for registered students: moodle.regent-college.edu/login

