

# Models of the Atonement

	Legal/Penal	Personal/Relational	Spiritual/Ontological
<b>View of God and His intent for man.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God viewed as Lawgiver who gives the Law.</li> <li>• God intends man to keep the Law.</li> <li>• Man's choice is to obey or disobey the Law.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God viewed as personal and psychological.</li> <li>• God wants man in personal relationship of submission.</li> <li>• Man's choice is to submit or rebel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God viewed in terms of His character.</li> <li>• God intends man to derivatively manifest His character.</li> <li>• Man's choice is to be receptive to God or reject God.</li> </ul>
<b>Offense of man against God.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarded as legal offense.</li> <li>• Transgression, trespass, violation.</li> <li>• Sin is "missing the mark" of God's Law.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarded as personal offense.</li> <li>• Rebellion, broken relationship.</li> <li>• Sin is "missing the mark" of God's personal expectations and plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarded as spiritual offense.</li> <li>• Rejection of God's presence and empowering.</li> <li>• Sin is "missing the mark" of God's character expression.</li> </ul>
<b>Consequence of man's offense.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Punishment, penalty, judgment, condemnation.</li> <li>• Sinner viewed as guilty violator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alienation, separation, broken relationship.</li> <li>• Sinner viewed as estranged, hostile, enemy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devoid of God's presence; energized by satanic spirit.</li> <li>• Sinner viewed as misused and abused humanity.</li> </ul>
<b>Remedy for man's offense against God.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Necessity to make amends for violated Law.</li> <li>• Satisfy demands of Law.</li> <li>• Price to be paid is death penalty.</li> <li>• Jesus Christ takes death penalty as our substitute.</li> <li>• Man is declared "right with God," pardoned, acquitted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Necessity to appease, placate, pacify God.</li> <li>• Satisfy God's personal favor.</li> <li>• Price to be paid is suffering wrath of God.</li> <li>• Jesus Christ is substitute for God to vent His wrath.</li> <li>• Man is reconciled to God in "personal relationship."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Necessity to sever man's spiritual identification with Satan.</li> <li>• Satisfy consistency with God's character.</li> <li>• Price to be paid is abolishment of death and its source.</li> <li>• Jesus Christ is substitutional representative to take death consequences.</li> <li>• Man is ontologically invested with spiritual life of God.</li> </ul>
<b>Restoration of man to God's intent.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free from penalty of Law.</li> <li>• Christ intercedes as Advocate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free from estrangement with God.</li> <li>• Christ intercedes with personal pleas before God on man's behalf.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free to be man as God intended man to be.</li> <li>• Christ is our life as Christians.</li> </ul>