

Doctrinal Statement

Work of Christ

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Jesus is the greater than Moses Prophet who not only revealed God's truth and spoke God's words but is the Word and a perfect reflection of the Father (Deut. 24:10-12; John 1:1-2; Heb. 1:1-3). Jesus is the Great High Priest, mediator between God and creation, presenting and advocating His people to the Father (Heb. 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1; 1 Tim. 2:5). He is also the spotless, sacrificial lamb (John 1:29), whose life is able to stand as the ultimate covering, atonement, forgiving sins and washing clean all who believe in Him (1 Pet. 2:22-24; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 3:5). Jesus is the Messianic King, true savior and redeemer of the world who brings God's kingdom, reign and presence back to humanity (Dan 7:13-14; Isa. 40:1-11; Matt. 1:16; Mark 1:14-15; John 18:36; Rev. 19:13,16). Jesus is the true Adam who lived the life that no other person has ever been able to live, abiding in perfect relationship with the Father and listening completely to the leadings of Holy Spirit (Mark 15:34; Luke 23:47). He is the seed of the woman who crushed the head of the snake, the adversary (Gen. 3:15).

The atoning work of Jesus is best understood in light of Passover and the Day of Atonement (Ex 12; Lev. 16). Just as the blood of the lamb was placed over the doorway as a substitute for the firstborn in Egypt (Ex. 12:1-13), Jesus' death is a sacrificial substitute for the rebellion of humanity (1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 5:6). And just as the first goat carried the sins of the people out of the camp while the second goat's blood was sprinkled in the Holy of Holy's as a covering of righteousness for the people on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:21-28), Jesus placed the sins of the world upon Himself, cleansed His people of their sin, and covered them with His righteousness (Rom. 6; 1 Pet. 2:24; Phil. 3:9). Jesus' propitiating death fully appeases God's justful wrath for all guilty offenders who believe (1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10; Rom. 3:25) and serves as their ransom from the slavery of sin (Tit. 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18-19). Ultimately, Jesus' death proved victorious over the evil one, destroying the powers and authorities of darkness (1 Cor. 15:21-28;

Col. 2:13-15; Acts 2:24), reconciling and restoring the union between God and man once again. (2 Cor. 5:18-20; Rom. 5:8-11). Though Jesus atoning work is sufficient for the salvation of all people (1 Tim 2:6; Heb. 2:9), its effects are only to those who believe (John 3:16; Rom. 10:13; Eph. 2:8).