

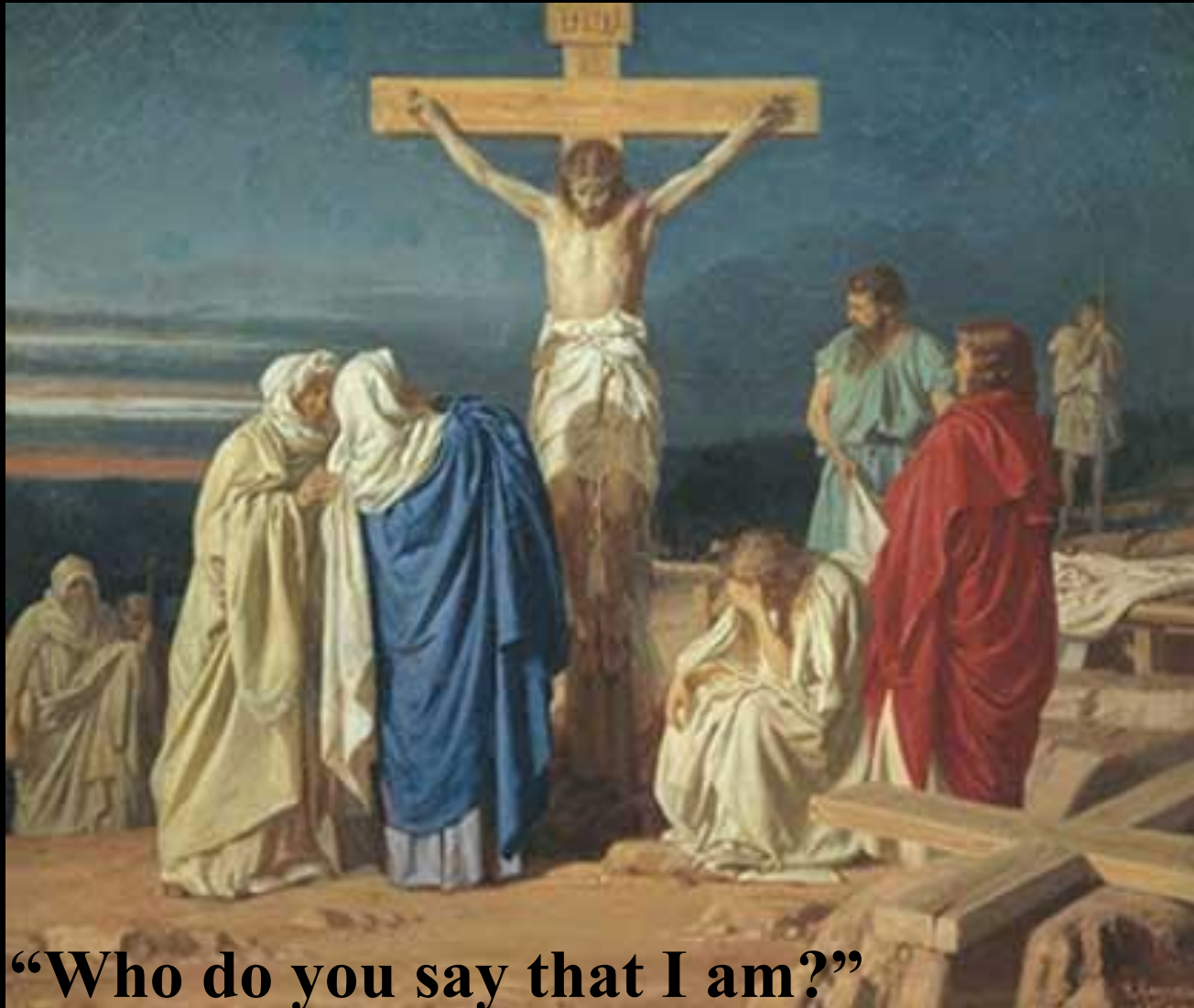
# JESUS MYTH, MADMAN OR MESSIAH

## The Meaning of Christ's Death

*“The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.” 1 Cor. 1:18 (CEB)*





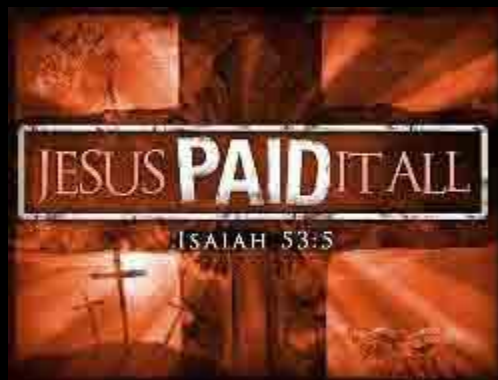


**“Who do you say that I am?”**



**“Atonement” = “At-one-ment”**


The reconciliation of people with God through the sacrificial death of Christ.





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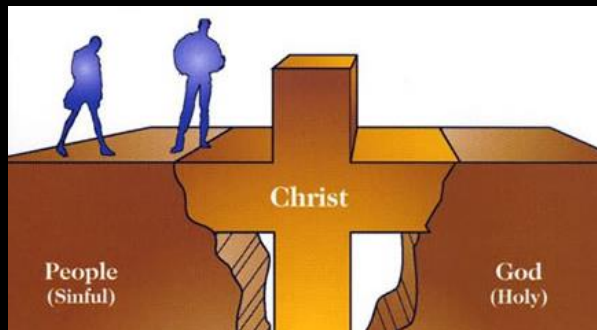


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# Theories of Atonement

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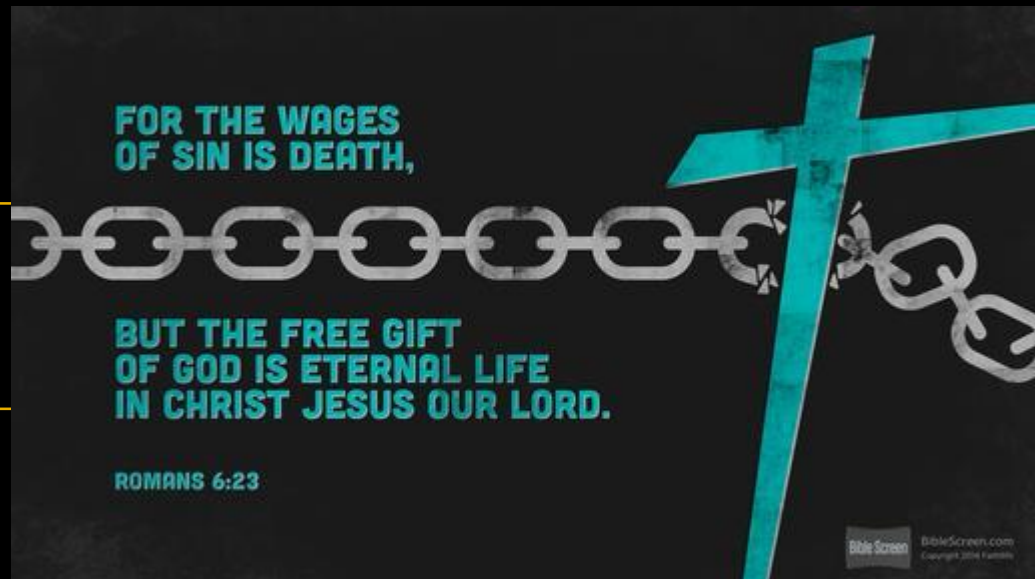
### Penal Substitutionary Theory

- Romans 6:23 “The wages that sin pays are death, but God’s gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Romans 3:23ff “All have sinned and fall short of God’s glory, but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus....”

## Two

## Three

## Four







# Theories of Atonement

One

Penal Substitutionary Theory

Two

Moral (Subjective/Ethical) Influence Theory

- John 15:13 “No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends.”
- Romans 5:8 “God shows His love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

Three

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I loved you  
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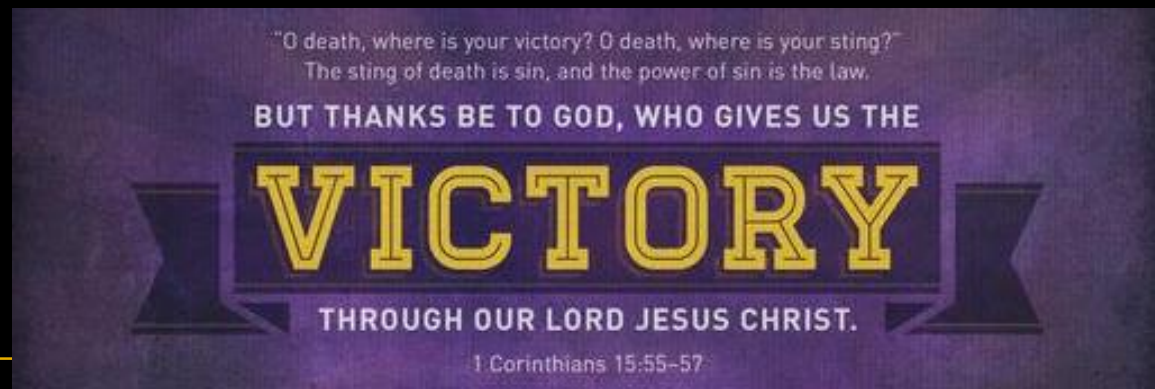
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Christus Victory Theory

- 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 “‘Death has been swallowed up by a victory.’ Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”

Four



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Others: Ransom Theory, Incarnational Theory, Priestly Theory, New Covenant Theory, Paschal Lamb, Recapitulation Theory, etc.







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