**PHILIPPIANS 2** says that our Lord Jesus Christ ‘*taking the form of a bondservant and coming in the likeness of men, was found in appearance as a man, humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*’

All Christians believed that Jesus died on the cross to save sinners. Theologically, His death on the cross has been called ‘atonement’. Today, we shall spend time looking at the atonement.

* **The CAUSE of the Atonement**
* **The NECESSITY of the Atonement**
* **The NATURE of the Atonement**

**[A] Sacrifice**

*For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another — He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.*

**HEBREWS 9:24-26**

**[B] Propitiation**

*In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

**I JOHN 4:10**

**[C] Reconciliation**

*And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled, in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight*

**COLOSSIANS 1:21-22**

**[D] Redemption**

*Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,**but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

**I PETER 1:18-19**

**WHY THIS STUDY?**